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Cooperative Program Gifts Top \$5 Million

Cooperative Program gifts for 1974 from Mississippi Baptist churches for missions efforts around the world passed the \$5 million mark this month. This is the second time for Cooperative Program receipts in Mississippi to pass the \$5,000,000 mark in one year. However, last year it was not reached until the last days of December. With several weeks to go, the total is expected to go much higher this year. A check from Sandersville Baptist Church at Sandersville in Jones Association pushed the total beyond \$5 million. Mrs. Doris Hart of the Mississippi Baptist Convention business office shows the check to Dr. Earl Kelly executive secretary-treasurer for the board. At left is Mrs. Clyde Nettles chief accountant for the board; and at right is A. L. Nelson comptroller. Horace Carpenter is pastor of Sandersville Baptist Church and Pat Lightsey is treasurer. Mississippi Baptists reached their first \$1 million for the Cooperative Program in 1952 the second million in 1958 the third in 1965 and the fourth in 1971.

State Baptist Men Meet In Jackson

Highlights of the Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference, meeting Monday, Nov. 11, was the election of officers for 1975, the Brotherhood banquet and an inspirational session that evening, all held at Parkway Baptist Church.

Dr. John Lee Taylor, of Grenada, told the conference at the evening session that "the New Testament teaches that the church is not to be a 'binding' institution, but a 'freeing fellowship' in which every believer is a minister — a member of a royal priesthood, willing to practice its 'Marketplace Ministry.'"

Dr. Taylor, pastor of Grenada's First Baptist Church, speaking on the title of "the Ministry of the Marketplace," continuing, said:

"Too many times in our churches we have been so concerned about records that we have given little emphasis to righteousness.

"We have been so busy counting numbers that we have failed to supply needs.

"Almost unconsciously, we have set our standards for success for a Baptist church. This standard is measured in terms of building, budget, and baptisms.

"Though these are very important, there are additional criterion for measuring ministry. This is why I should like to share with you a reminder of the New Testament teaching of the royal priesthood of the be-

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Grady Nutt of Louisville, Kr., speaks to a crowd of Mississippi Baptist men assembled Monday night for the annual Brotherhood banquet at Parkway Church in Jackson. The banquet was held in connection with the annual Baptist Men's Conference held following the banquet in the auditorium of Parkway Church. Howard

Carpenter, president of the Men's Conference, presided at the conference. Marvin Graham, vice-president, presided at the banquet. Some 750-800 men attended the two meetings. Elmer Howell is director of the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Department.

Foreign Board Appoints 17; Votes \$25,000 For Honduras

RICHMOND (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, at its November meeting, appropriated an additional \$25,000 for relief and reconstruction in Honduras, commended Texas Baptists for their response to recent hurricane destruction in Honduras and appointed 17 missionaries.

Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary, reported that from January until November, \$371,575 has been made available for relief as a result of gifts from Southern Baptist churches and individuals and Foreign Mission Board appropriations. Included in this amount is \$100,000 appropriated by the board in October from Cooperative Program challenge funds.

Of the \$371,575 total, \$280,880 has been appropriated for relief efforts in various countries where Southern Baptists have mission work. As recommendations from the mission fields are approved, Cauthen said, the remaining \$90,695 will be available for relief.

When disasters are explained, "the Foreign Mission Board ascertains from the missionaries the circumstances they are facing and what they believe can be done. Based on recommendations from the missions, funds are appropriated and relief steps are taken."

Of the \$25,000 appropriated to Honduras during the November meeting, \$14,631 came from donations from Southern Baptists designated for Honduras relief and \$10,369 from board-designated relief funds. That brings the total Honduran appropriations to date to \$35,000.

In addition, the board appropriated \$8,000 of relief funds to repair churches and other buildings damaged when earthquakes shook Peru in October.

Commending Texas Baptists, the board expressed gratitude for their "prompt and compassionate" response to the suffering of the people

of Honduras following Hurricane Fifi. "Their support of Southern Baptist missionaries working in Honduras, through the sending of their mo-

bile disaster unit staffed with Texas Baptist convention officers and others from within Texas Baptist life, as

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State Couple To Serve In Africa

Richmond-Dr. and Mrs. Charles L. Deevers were among 17 missionaries appointed Nov. 5 at a meeting here of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. They will be assigned to the Ivory Coast where he will practice dentistry.

They are currently living in Clinton, Miss., where he has a dental practice since 1965, and they are members of Morrison Heights Baptist



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Dr. and Mrs. Deevers

Home Mission Board Votes Church Loan 'Slowdown'

ATLANTA (BP) — A 60-day slowdown on receiving new loan requests for church construction was approved by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board at its directors November meeting here.

The directors approved the slowdown to allow time for processing of some 100 preliminary requests for loans, totaling about \$7 million, already received by the division of church loans.

More than 100 loans for some \$8 million already have been made in 1974, according to Robert H. Kilgore, director of the division.

Tight money and soaring interest rates have doubled the number of loan inquiries received by Kilgore's office. Last month the board's directors approved a raise in the interest charged on church loans to 9 per cent

and authorized the borrowing of \$2 million to augment the loan fund.

Directors accepted the resignation of one staff member and approved the appointments of eight missionaries and 13 missionary associates.

Jack Stanton, director of the department of mass evangelism ministries in the division of evangelism, resigned, effective Dec. 31, 1974, to become director of the Institute of Evangelism and professor of evangelism in the Redford School of Theology at Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo.

Stanton has been associated with the division of evangelism since 1960 and before that was secretary of evangelism for the Kansas and Colorado state Baptist conventions.

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Maryland Voters Turn Down Huge Parochial Aid Measure

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND (C-SNS) — Maryland voters rejected a \$9.7 million per year parochial school aid measure in a statewide referendum on November 5. Of the 699,892 votes cast on the question, 391,862 (56%) were against the parochial aid measure. A similar parochial aid plan was defeated in referendum in Maryland in 1972 by a 55% to 45% margin.

Maryland's defeated 1974 parochial aid plan would have provided about \$9.7 million annually to parochial and private schools indirectly in the form of "loans" of books, equipment and ment and supplies, and transportation services.

The successful campaign to defeat the parochial aid plan was coordinated through the Maryland Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL), a coalition including Americans United for Separation of Church and State, and United Methodist, Baptist, Jewish, Unitarian, PTA, teachers and civic groups.

"The Maryland referendum is uniquely significant, according to

Americans United educational relations director Edd Doerr, a member of the PEARL executive committee, "because it is the first time in history that a major electorate, such as Maryland's, has been able to vote twice on the question of tax aid for sectarian schools. Parochial aid was defeated both times, and by a greater margin this year than in 1972. This should convince politicians from coast to coast that the American people do not want public funds used to aid denominational private schools."

Americans United executive director Glenn L. Archer commented: "The defeat of another parochial aid plan by Maryland voters is a highly

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No Youth Night Service At Convention

The State Convention this year will adjourn at noon Thursday as there will be no Youth Night service in the Coliseum as has been the custom for the past several years.

The Youth Night service for this year will be held on Dec. 30 in the Coliseum, and will be held in lieu of the Youth Convention that has been held in the past at that time in the First Baptist Church and the City Auditorium.



Several persons attending Student Convention have informal chat with Rev. Barry Landrum, pastor First Church, Greenville, and keynote speaker. From left: Deborah Fisher, student at USM; Conrad Howell, con-

vention president; Donna Harrison, USM; Charles Roselle, of BSSB, Nashville, speaker; James Breland, student director at Delta State U; Rev. Ralph B. Winders, state student director, and Mr. Landrum.

Strong Program Marks Student Meeting

Rev. G. Barry Landrum of Greenville told the State Baptist Student Convention in the keynote message at First Baptist Church in Hattiesburg that "today's world is confused, selfish, trembling, frightful, sinful, lost and dying."

Mr. Landrum pastor of the Delta City's First Baptist Church, speaking

at the meeting held Nov. 8-10 on "The Christ We Share," continuing said: "Our society has become so mechanized, so organized, and so standardized that people are not being treated as persons — but things.

"Man is frantically searching for some way to recover his dignity and his worth as an individual.

"Some are giving up the search and

turning to drink or drug addiction in an effort to escape this impersonal world.

"But there is a way and we find it in our subject 'The Christ We theme. He has the preeminence.

"We are not trying merely to make people religious or like we are, but we are trying to introduce people

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Commitment Makes The Difference

President's Convention Address

Mississippi Baptist Convention
Tuesday, November 12, 1974
By David Grant, Jackson

A few months back, I was involved in reading two books simultaneously. One was a book entitled *Amen: The Diary of Rabbi Martin Siegel*. This was a book that was loaded with caustic remarks, cynicism, and depression. As I read this book, I found nothing inspiring, uplifting, or encouraging, but rather just the opposite. Each page read made me feel I had waded through a puddle of mud and slime.

The other book was entitled *Seven Steeples*. This little book was written by a woman Methodist minister and was truly inspiring. Almost every page revealed the beautiful, the good, and the wholesome.

As I read in these two books, I discovered there was some similarity. Each was written by a religious worker and each lived in the Northeast United States — Rabbi Siegel in New York, and Mrs. Henrichsen in

Maine. It was then I raised the question, "What is the difference?" The question was no sooner raised than I had the answer. One knew Jesus Christ as Saviour and the other did not.

In Exodus 11:7, there is an interesting passage of scripture. It reads, "The Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel." One would not need to read long to find out the context of this passage and thus, the difference. Without going into details, this is the scriptural account of the passing of the death angel as it relates to the tenth plague. Again, we find much in common among the two. They lived in the same land and had the same knowledge. The difference was the blood on the lintels and side posts. One heard and did not heed, and the other heard and heeded the word of the Lord. One appropriated God's provision and the other did not.

The Book of Numbers, chapter 13: 1-2, gives the account of the spies go-

ing from Kadesh Barnea to look over the land of Canaan. You remember the story. Twelve of them went. There was much in common with these men. Each was from a tribe of Israel. All had the same mission and instructions. While they were spying, each

heard and saw the same things. Yet ten of the twelve said "we can't" and two of the twelve said "we can." What was the difference? It was simply that the two believed it was God's plan and purpose and therefore, thou-

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'Triumphant Strangers' Sermon Subject

State Convention November 12-14
I Peter 1:1-12

By Robert L. Hamblin Tupelo

The challenges and threats to Christianity are at an apex. There has never been a time since the first century when there has been a greater effort on a world wide basis to exterminate the influence of Christianity than there is today.

Christianity with its living message and new life is a challenge to the ways of the world. Philosophically, morally, and ideologically the precepts of the Christian faith are a con-

tradition to the ways of today's world. There are many people who believe that Christians can compromise with the ideals of today's world and by so doing can do their best work. That was not true in the first century and it is not true today.

We need to realize that as Christians we are living in a sinful world and because we belong to Jesus we are pilgrims traveling through this world.

The circumstances in which we live are similar in many ways to those

of the first century to which Peter addressed his challenging epistle. Peter wrote to suffering people who needed the intervention of God in their lives. He addressed his letter to small Christian communities located in pagan provinces. These people had the responsibility of taking the message of God to those provinces. They were suffering because of their rejection but it was necessary for them to remain true. They were strangers to their society, but they could not compromise.

Peter did not write as a theologian but as one who had experienced re-

demption through Christ, and as one who knew what it meant to have daily communion with God. Though Peter mentions the fundamental themes of Christian theology, such as election, fore-knowledge, sanctification and redemption, the note of a common faith in a time of great need serves as a backdrop for his marvelous message.

His message is meaningful for the needs of Christians today. He called first century Christians strangers. He addresses the epistle to strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia,

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Still another Biblical account that illustrates my point is Numbers 21. This is the account of the Hebrew people being bitten by the fiery serpents and dying in the wilderness. After confession of sin and request unto Moses, and his prayer to God, they were instructed to erect the brazen serpent on a pole with the accompanying instruction to look and live. By implication, we get the message that if they did not look, they would not live. These people also had some things in common. They were all kids people — children of Israel. They all lived in the same infected area and were bitten by similar serpents. Yet, some lived and some died. What was the difference? Some obeyed God and looked in faith, whereas, others did not obey God and accept His provisions. Those who accepted God's provisions lived and the ones who did not, died.

Background Given

These accounts have been given as a background to the application I want to make to those of us as individuals and to churches as we relate to this Convention.

We have many things in common. I shall not labor the details but merely cite some. We are saved by the same blood. We are all members of sister churches. We are all identified with the same Convention. By and large, we believe in the same causes. Yet there are some differences. Some are happy, excited, enthusiastic, and moving out to accomplish great things for God. Others are unhappy, find it difficult to cooperate and endorse programs, and are accomplishing very little. What is the difference?

The Biblical account of the twelve spies teaches us that the majority or the establishment is not always right at the expense of the minority. The story of the plagues is a lesson for us that it is not necessarily the high and mighty with the biggest name, the largest church, and the one who serves on the most committees, who are doing the will of God, and it is not necessarily the ones with less fame who are not doing God's will. The Egyptians were the ones whom odd makers would have picked to be victorious. They were the ones who appeared in the human eye to be right with God. The Hebrews would have been the underdog, but they were the ones who were in the center of God's will and were the winners.

The brazen serpent account teaches us the lesson that the self-appointed, aggressive, lime-light type of person is not necessarily at the center of God's will in contrast to the ones who remain in the shadow.

In my own opinion, we cannot look to a type of person, or a group of persons as such and determine they are God's favorites, and some others of the same groupings are not.

There are times when we should be unhappy and if so we ought to

speak out. There are times when some corrections ought to be made and we must make them. Therefore, for the remainder of my time, I want to talk with you about the real difference in the people of this Convention. It is a matter of commitment. Some are committed and it seems some are not.

The most helpful material I have found along this line is Elton Trueblood's book, *The Company of the Committed*. I am borrowing extensively from him and will not always give my reference.

Need Seen For Commitment

There is a real need for commitment. Evidence is obvious on every hand that much we are doing and talking is simply not accomplishing the desired result. Technological and material success is not answering the needs of the hunger of the human soul. So-called success that has been referred to as "superficial success," such as the largest church membership in the history of the United States, larger church budgets than ever before, the highest attendance records in history, and ecclesiastical buildings that are most impressive, is not the answer to the starving human soul. These so-called successes have had a tendency to lull us into complacency and lead us to mere conformity. But in this day and time, we do not necessarily need conformity and we definitely do not need complacency. What we need is a people, churches, and a Convention that will direct the patterns of life and change the way of living. If we are not careful, our modern-day religion will make small what ought to be large, and make weak what ought to be strong.

In my opinion, a genuine commitment would bring about a radical conversion of our personal lives, our churches, and this Convention. We need a movement in genuine spiritual depth — a depth that is deep enough that will absorb the problem of disunity, awaken the lethargic, and motivate the indifferent.

The real test of our religion is seen in our effect upon culture. Today we find our culture the sickest some of us have ever known. Our economy is sick. Politics is sick. Liquor and drugs and murder — crime — are on the rampage. Selfishness — get for self — is the name of the game. I ask you, my friends, where is the Christian? Where is the church of the Lord Jesus Christ? We are here, but we need to do more. We must do more. Our problem is, that far too many of us have reduced our religion to a matter of attendance performance or fund-raising or an institution to be protected. Thus, we are no more than the average civic club and sometimes not as much.

We shall not be saved and we shall not save society with anything less than commitment, and the commitment will not be effective unless it finds expression in a committed fellowship. This commitment must be to obey the voice of Jesus. We are to believe in Him with all our hearts, and strength, and mind. He is the One that can and will do something about this sin-sick world. He is the One who

can lead us through the debris of confusion, and ill will, and disillusionment, and despair. I challenge you with all the earnestness of my soul to recommit yourself to Him and His cause.

Commitment is never real unless it leads to a mission and the mission of a Christian is always one which points forward. If we go forward, we must rid our minds of the negative and defeatist attitude. We must free ourselves of indolence and apply ourselves to genuine hard work. Commitment will find a way to work together in harmony for a common cause.

Trueblood Quoted

Trueblood said, and I quote: "One of the most surprising facts about the early Church was its fundamental similarity to a military band. This is hard for us to recognize today because the ordinary successful church of the twentieth century is about as different from any army as anything we can imagine. Instead of being under anything resembling military discipline, we pride ourselves on our 'freedom.' We go and come as we like, as no soldier can do; we give or withhold giving as we like; we serve when we get around to it. Obedience is considered an irrelevant notion, and the theme of 'Onward Christian Soldiers' is so alien to our experience that some churches avoid the hymn entirely." End of quote.

Jesus is our commander-in-chief. He has envisaged a campaign. We are His soldiers and we must obey Him.

If we are to take seriously the transformation of society, and we know this is what we ought to do, then we must voluntarily accept discipline. Once a Christian has become a member of Christ's company, he must be ready to give up some of his personal freedom — much as any soldier does. He is no longer the sole arbitrator of his own time and energy, and he cannot be free to use all his money on his own self-indulgence. He may have to give up some personal plans, and pride, and ambitions.

Now let me lay my heart bare to you as to where we need some commitment. We need to be committed to bearing one another's burdens. If there is one thing I have learned the last few months or year or so, it is that people are hurting. Here I am specifically referring to ministers or pastors. I know it from trying to be a friend of some of you and in seeking a friend. I know it from reading. Have you read Karl Menninger's book, *Whatever Became of Sin?* He describes the clergy as discouraged, bewildered, and disillusioned. He says many are talking about quitting. This sounds familiar to us. There are those among us who have thought about it at this time. Reasons given by Menninger are: "Inability to communicate, inadequate financial support, lack of interest and devotion on the part of parishioners, disengaged youth... competition... a loss of nerve, a loss of direction, erosion from culture, confusion of thou-

ghat, and exhaustion." I can add to his list and you can, too. Some additions are constant criticism and harassment from the pew; a lack of understanding and appreciation; friction and lack of support among peers, and the seemingly greener pasture elsewhere.

Beloved friends, if there has ever been a time in the history of Christendom when we need to rally to the support of each other, it is NOW. Hear me, fellow pastors, let's be loving with each other. Let's be a friend to those in need. Let's listen with love and appreciation, and avoid the caustic and derogatory remarks. Let's create a friendship that will hold up one another and get down to the business of bearing the fruits of the Spirit toward one another — namely, love, kindness, longsuffering, and goodness. Hear me, laymen, wake up to the fact that your pastor is God's anointed and because he is, you need to be committed to implementing his work and not hindering it. Pray for him. Encourage him. Support him.

Cites Program of Church

We need to be committed to the program of the local church. Regardless of what one may say or has said about the local church, I still believe it is divinely instituted. I believe it is God's institution to carry on His work. Rather than withdrawing from it, or openly attacking it, or neglecting it, we need to give it everything we have. The clergy and laity need to commit themselves to God in finding His will for the church. This seems to be a dire need now. To know God's will for the church is both dangerous and demanding. It is dangerous because once we know it, it will cause us to break out of the rut of complacency, to move away from stereotypical programs, and get into a spirit, and promote programs that are worthy of the name of Christ and will meet the challenge of the times. It is demanding because it will involve work — long hours and hard work. It will demand sacrifice — sacrifice of personal time and pleasure and money. It will demand study and planning and expediting plans. But it is worth it all!

I have already implied, but now I want to make it emphatic, that after we have sought diligently to know God's will for our local churches, then there comes the genuine commitment to do it. There is no question in my mind but what God has great things in store for the church. He has big plans for us. In my thinking, in the mind of God, there is not such a thing as retreat. There is not such a thing as giving up. He expects us to retrench, regroup, and find new ways and give it our best. This calls for commitment on the part of all men and women — the paid leadership and the laity.

Commitment To Convention

There needs to be commitment to the program of this Convention. Just as the church is divinely established and becomes God's institution for His work, so does this Convention become a tool for the church to be God's church. There is no way a local church

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday School High Attendance Nov. 17

can fulfill the Great Commission apart from the channel of the Convention. It is through the Convention you care for a homeless child, or educate a called man of God, or minister to the sick or send a missionary. It is through this Convention you train workers and give a helping hand to the down and out. It is through this Convention that you join hands in doing things which cannot be done apart from it.

Through the Cooperative Program, our money becomes an instrument of God in funding many needs of a world program for God. Through the Convention's institutions, you touch a sick body and give it health, or a broken home and give it hope, or a hungry mind and give it light.

When I speak to you about commitment to this Convention, I am urging you to support wholeheartedly, enthusiastically, and sacrificially our colleges, our children's home, our mission work, our programs, and the whole cause of Christ as it is seen in the Convention. I urge you to pray for the personnel of the Baptist Building, speak words of encouragement to them, accept them as real persons who need friends and be one to them. I urge you to give personally and lead your church to be more liberal in the support of the budget of the Convention. I urge you to take plans, ideas, and programs launched by the Convention, adapt them to your local situation and exalt the name of Christ as well as advancing His kingdom with them. I urge you to assume responsibility in this Convention at whatever place you can and are solicited, and give it your best. I urge you to become a personal ambassador for the welfare of the Convention, for its reputation, and for its good name.

When we become committed to each other, the local church and the State Convention, we shall then be committed to the Southern Baptist Convention and the world program.

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"The church is the people of God in dynamic action; the instrument of world."

"The priesthood of every believer then is a vital theme of our Christian faith."

"God asks again: 'What is that in thine hand?' As Priests of the Lord: a calculator, a monkey wrench, a tractor's steering wheel, or a Bible become instruments of His service."

"Go back to your churches, your homes, the places where you work to be ministers of the Master — a Royal Priesthood! For Jesus said, 'As the Father has sent me, even so send I you!'"

The conference re-elected its president officers for the coming year, with Howard Carpenter, Senatobia, elected president, presiding over the evening session.

Other officers are Marvin Graham, Mt. Olive, vice-president, and Sidney Parker, Magee, secretary. Baptist men from every section of the state were present for this service, according to Mr. Carpenter.

Rev. Lewis Myers, missionary to Viet Nam, emphasizing missions, also spoke. Special music was rendered by a men's choral group from First Baptist Church, Grenada.

At 5:30 p.m. the annual Brotherhood banquet was held in Fellowship Hall at the host Parkway Church.

Rev. E. L. Howell, Jackson, director of the Brotherhood Department of the State Convention Board, presided with entertainment provided by Grady Nutt, well and widely-known humorist of Louisville, Ky.

The afternoon program, sponsored by the Brotherhood Department, featured leadership training conferences.

Home Mission Board

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pensation arrangements, is to provide for each field roughly the same basic purchasing power for missionaries.

In other action, the board approved a shifting of responsibilities for two of South America's field representatives, awarded medical receptorships to five students and reappointed a missionary couple.

To be consistent with the recent division of South America into two administrative areas, Don R. Kammerdiener, presently field representative for southern Spanish-speaking South America, will assume similar duties for Spanish eastern South America (Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay), and J. Bryan Brasington, presently field representative for northern Spanish-speaking South America, will be responsible for western South America (Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela).

Medical receptorships, an Tr-

Beloved friends, we have a wonderful, mighty, loving, sovereign God. Because we have Him, let us make sure He has us. Then let us come to realize we have a big, demanding, staggering job to be done. Let us give ourselves to it unreservedly and unashamedly. It is then we shall see Satan tremble and fall as we march on. It is then we shall see problems and difficulties shattered under the feet of the marching army. It is then we shall see victories that we never dreamed about. It is then we shall find peace with self, and peace with God for which we long. It is then we shall see the lost saved, the backslidden reclaimed, and the saints ministered unto, and it is then we shall hear the voice of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords say, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant."

W. Levon Moore

Accepts Attala

Association Post

Dr. W. Levon Moore announced his resignation as pastor of First Church, Pontotoc to take effect at the conclusion of the evening worship service on Sunday, November 24.



He has accepted the position of director of missions for the Attala Baptist Association. He and Mrs. Moore will move to Kosciusko the last of November to begin work in the new position on December 1.

Coming from Second Avenue Church in Laurel he began his pastorate on July 15, 1960. This ministry has seen a number of significant achievements.

There have been 830 additions with 347 of these being by baptism. The total membership has increased from 751 to 971. The church budget has increased from \$41,000 to \$130,000. Total missions gifts increased from \$21,812 in 1969 to \$50,800 in 1974.

Numerous improvements have been made in the physical properties. Several new building projects have been completed, including a pastorial, a four-story educational building and the complete renovation of the sixty year old auditorium building.

Two houses and lots have been purchased, as well as a new church bus. The total value of the church property has increased from \$250,000 in 1960 to \$1,179,000 in 1974.

Mrs. Moore has served as organist and choir director. The total music ministry enrollment increased from 53 in 1960 to 176 in 1974.

Dr. Moore is a former member of the Pontotoc Rotary Club and has served as president of the Pontotoc Ministerial Association, president of the Pontotoc County Ministerial Association, president of the Pontotoc County Baptist Pastors' Conference and president of the Northeast Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference.

The Pontotoc pastor has served in many positions of leadership in Mississippi Baptist life. He has served as a trustee and as chairman of the trustees of Clarke College, chairman of the Committee on Nominations (twice) for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, a member of the Education Commission of the Convention and for two years as chairman of Budget Committee (twice) for the Convention Board, secretary of the Convention Board, a member of the Executive Committee, and Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Convention Board, president of the Convention Board, and First Vice-President of the Convention.

He served for seven years as a member of the Sunday School Board and was for two years chairman of the plans and policies committee of the Board.

He has served in preaching missions in Montana, Alaska, and Singapore.

Attala Baptists have an aggressive program of work and own a Baptist Building containing a large assembly area offices and a full-time secretary.

LOME, Togo — The Togo Baptist pastor's school began classes again this fall after a year's break. Seven are enrolled.

range in which the board provides short-term overseas opportunities for qualified medical students, were awarded to Thomas Elkins, Gilles Fort III, and Robert A. Moore Jr., students at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Tex.; Andy M. Norman, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta; and Mark Thompson, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin D. Boles of Texas, who served in Brazil from 1968 to 1973, were reappointed to Brazil.

The 17 new missionaries appointed will serve in nine countries.

Faculty Training Slated For Association Leaders



Two area faculty training meetings for selected associational Sunday School leaders will be held Jan. 27 and 28 at the First Baptist churches of Grenada and Hattiesburg.

The programs for the two meetings will be the same with the Jan. 27 meeting to be in Grenada and the Jan. 28 meeting to be in Hattiesburg.

Dr. Kelly To Speak

At Arkabutla's

Nov. 17 Homecoming

Arkabutla Church (Tate) will observe Homecoming this Sunday, November 17. A full day has been planned starting with High Sunday in Sunday School.

Dr. Earl Kelly will be the speaker for the eleven o'clock worship hour, with music to follow at noon. In the afternoon there will be singing and fellowship featuring the Mid-South women from Holly Springs. Harlan Thomas, member of music, will present special music.

Interested people are invited to attend. Rev. Jimmy Carr is pastor.

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well as special relief gifts, including \$9,200 from Texas Baptist students, is leaving an indelible impression upon those so dramatically benefited," said the board's resolution.

The board also appropriated \$23,600 to increase emergency compensation in 11 of the 81 countries where Southern Baptists have work, reflecting further inroads of inflation overseas.

Winston Crawley, director of the board's overseas division, explained, "Cost-of-living adjustments are handled through a supplement known as emergency compensation. The amount of the supplement is determined in relation to differences of cost of living in different settings."

Currency exchange rates, availability of goods and services, differences of living patterns and varying rates of inflation are all factors considered in adjustments that are made, Crawley said.

"The intention of the board," he said, "through its emergency compensation Arthur B. Rutledge reported to the directors the 1974 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering now totals \$7,932,000, or 16.7 per cent more than 1973's total. The offering possibly will

eral field services for the Sunday School Board. Evelyn George of Jackson, associate in the Church Training Department, will teach the mentally retarded book, *A Church Ministry to Retarded Persons*.

The new Sunday School Administration books are to be released Jan. 1.

exceed \$8 million for the year when all the receipts are in, he said. One state has not sent in its offering to date.

The board dealt with two property matters. It sold a parcel — one-sixteenth of a 164.92 acre tract — received from the estate of B. D. Gray, son of a former board chief executive, and purchased a building and lot on the corner of the block now occupied by the board building.

The City of Atlanta purchased the Gray property on Jonesboro Road for \$800,000 less realty and other fees. The Home Mission Board's share will be one-sixteenth of the proceeds of the sale.

The building and parking area acquired were purchased for \$175,000. The building has been used for two years by the board's department of art services and for storage. Rental of the building, which contains 7,500 square feet, and the parking area has been costing \$15,000 annually.

Russell H. Dilday, pastor of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta and president of the directors, emphasized the board is not in the real estate business, that the building was on "continguous property" and was being purchased at an estimated 15 per cent below the market value.

MADRID, Spain — Gunter Wiske, secretary of evangelism of the Norwegian Baptist Convention and a member of the committee on evangelization of the Baptist World Alliance, spoke in two Baptist churches here recently. On both occasions he emphasized "relearning the importance of personal evangelism."

The Student Convention...

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to the greatest person in the world—Jesus Christ.

"It is at the cross that a man finds his true dignity and worth as a human being."

"How desperately we need a new generation of witnesses under a new compulsion of the Holy Spirit."

Hundreds of Mississippi Baptist College students from 30 schools and colleges in the state were present for the fiftieth convention which closed Sunday at 11:45 following a final session in Thomas Auditorium on Wm. Carey College campus.

Conrad Howell, student at Carey and president of the convention was in the chair for the meeting.

"Sharing His Love" was the convention theme.

Participating on the opening night program also were Hon. A. L. Gerard, mayor of Hattiesburg, and Dr. BRooks Wester, pastor of the host church.

Convention music was under direction of Gary Anglin, minister of music, First Baptist Church, McComb, and Jerry Merriman, BSU director at Mississippi State University.

Other speakers were Charles M. Roselle, secretary, National Student Ministries Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Ed Seabough, Missionary Personnel, Southern Baptist Rev. Jim Slack, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board Atlanta; and Rev. Jim Slack Southern Baptist missionary to The Philippines.

Dr. Clyde Fant, professor of preaching, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, was Bible study leader.

At the business session the convention adopted a recommendation of the Student Missions Committee that a 1975 goal of \$22,000 be adopted to cover the cost of sending five students to foreign mission locations and thirty-one to home mission fields plus a sum to be used for sending teams

on projects during college holidays.

Selected 1974 summer missionaries reported to the various sessions and there were other testimonies on "Sharing His Love on My Campus."

Other regular student officers include Sam Sumrall of Mississippi State University vice-president and Sandra Oliver, Mississippi University for Women, secretary.

A series of simultaneous conferences conducted by outstanding leaders was held Saturday morning and afternoon.

Other features included panel discussions a fellowship luncheon special music campus altars and open house Saturday afternoon at the Baptist Student Center at the University of Southern Mississippi.

The convention is sponsored annually by the Department of Student Work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Rev. Ralph B. Winders director.



Retiring Missionaries Are Honored At Richmond

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lowrey Cooper were among 11 missionaries honored at their retirement recently by the Foreign Mission Board. Baker J. Cauthen executive secretary, presents them with a gift recognizing their 35 years of service as missionaries in Argentina. Both are natives of Mississippi where their fathers were Baptist ministers. She was the former Katherine (Kitty) Tomlinson.



Mary Ellen (Mrs. Edwin B.) Dozier was among 11 missionaries honored recently by the Foreign Mission Board. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, presents her a gift in recognition of 41 years of service as a missionary to Japan and Hawaii. She is a graduate of Mississippi Woman's College (now William Carey College).

Human Relations Workshop In The Plans For January

A workshop on "human relations" will be held at the Baptist Building in Jackson Jan. 13-14, 1975, according to a joint announcement by Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary - treasurer, and Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Christian Action Commission.

Pastors and other church leaders from over the state will be in attendance at the sessions.

The workshop will be jointly sponsored by two departments of the Convention Board - Cooperative Ministries With National Baptists and Cooperative Missions, and by the Christian Action Commission.

Building around the theme, "Bridge Over Troubled Waters," discussion will be given to the needs of juvenile delinquents, the released offender, people in lower income levels, relationships between ethnic groups and the role of Christian athletes and of the State legislature in bridge building.

The primary purpose of the workshop will be to create an awareness and suggest some strategy for the churches toward better bridge building, according to Dr. Kelly.

Featured speakers will be Dr. Bill Lawson, pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston, Texas; Dr. Jerry Warmath, pastor of the Pulaski Heights Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark.; Dr. Oscar Romo, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. R. S. Porter, president, East Mississippi Baptist Convention; State Senator Charles Pickering, Laurel; Commissioner Max M. Cole, Public Welfare Department, State of Mississippi; and Frank Dowling, Jr., student, University Medical School, Jackson. City on Jan. 20-24, 1975.

JERUSALEM, Israel — Four Baptists were among 26,000 participants in the annual march to Jerusalem during the week-long Succoth holidays recently. The march is the modern revival of the biblical custom of pilgrims "going up" to Jerusalem for religious festivals. Southern Baptist missionary James L. Burnham is a veteran of five such marches and is entitled to receive a silver medal for his outstanding record. The three-hour journey is 15 miles long.

War Opponents Lose Tax Fight In Supreme Court

By Stan Haste

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U. S. Supreme Court ruled in effect that citizens opposed to war on religious grounds may not refuse to pay federal income taxes which support the nation's defense machinery.

The high court held that the Internal Revenue Service may not be restrained by court injunction from forcing employers to withhold income taxes from employees who object to paying the portion of their taxes which goes for defense purposes.

The case, United States v. American Friends Service Committee, involves two pacifist employees of the Quaker committee. In 1969, they requested their employer not to withhold from their paychecks that portion of taxes due which would be funneled into the Defense Department budget.

According to the Friends Committee on National Legislation, that amounted to 51.6 per cent of every tax dollar in the 1969 federal budget. The American Friends Service Committee complied with the employees' request and then remitted the total amount due, including what it had refused to withhold, to the Internal Revenue Service. The group then filed a refund claim which the IRS denied. That action led to a request by the employees before a U. S. district court in Pennsylvania to restrain the IRS from collecting the disputed portion of their taxes due.

In their brief before the Supreme Court, attorneys for the employees argued that "a central and inseparable part of their faith is that they must give active expression to their religious objections to war, in order to bear witness to their beliefs. To force payment of their war taxes," the argument continued, "without tolerating even a symbolic gesture of refusal and enforced collection by the government, is to suppress the most central and deeply held tenets of their religious beliefs."

By a decisive 8-1 majority, however, the high court disagreed. It held instead that the IRS may not be restrained from forcing the withholding of such taxes as the Internal Revenue Code allows it to collect.

The new action reinforces several previous decisions in similar religious liberty cases favoring the IRS in recent years. Earlier this year, cases involving conflicts between the IRS and Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Bob Jones University, and Billy James Hargis' Christian Echoes Ministry, the court similarly held for IRS.

The lone dissenter was Associate Justice William O. Douglas, who argued that the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution is being violated by the court's recent decisions.

"I have not bowed to the view of the majority," Douglas stated, "that 'some compelling state interest' will

warrant an infringement of the Free Exercise Clause."

The American Friends Service Committee was organized in 1917 to provide employment for conscientious objectors and has since expanded its operation to include other religious, charitable, social, philanthropic and relief work. The Supreme Court's decision against the organization premises a new wave of concern among religious groups which are increasingly concerned over IRS power.

Christianity Today Editor At Jackson's First Baptist Church

Dr. Harold Lindsell, editor-publisher of Christianity Today will speak at First Baptist Church, Jackson Sunday November 24. He will be speaking at 5:45 p.m. for the Church's World Forum on the subject, "Looking At The Quality of Life in Today's World." He will also speak at the church's 7 p.m. worship service.

Dr. Lindsell, has traveled about 150,000 miles surveying the work of the church around the world. He is an ordained Southern Baptist minister and is a member of the First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Virginia. He is a former professor of missions and church history at Northern Baptist Seminary; former vice-president and dean of the faculty and professor of missions at Fuller Theological Seminary; and former professor of Bible at Wheaton College.

He is the author of A Christian Philosophy of Missions, Christianity and the Cults, The Church's World - Wide Mission, When You Pray, The World, The Flesh, and The Devil, and other books.

The World Forum is a special feature of the Church Training Program of First Baptist Church. It is held on the last Sunday of each month featuring special programs and lectures that relate to areas of studies currently in process during the Church Training hour.

The public is invited to this lecture.

Silence when you should voice an objection is a lie.

You still have a chance to be better than you are. Try!

What you don't know about safety can kill you.

Do something. Either lead, follow, or cooperate; or get out of the way.

He had the right of way so he wouldn't yield. Now he can't



Mississippi WMU staff members are pictured with Senator Stennis in Washington. Left to right are Marilyn Hopkins, Marjean Patterson, the senator, and Ethel McKeithen.

NASHVILLE — JANUARY BIBLE STUDY, 1975, will be a study of the book of Acts. Materials are available now in Baptist Book Stores.

January Bible Study Materials Available

NASHVILLE — January Bible Study, Southern Baptists' annual week of concentrated Bible study attended by more than 1,000,000 people, will be from the book of Acts this year.

"Acts: Working Together In Christ's Mission," by J. Estill Jones, pastor of Dogwood Hills Baptist Church, East Point, Ga., is the adult study book. It is 144 pages organized around the activities which took place in the various mission centers including Jerusalem, Syrian - Antioch, Corinth, Ephesus and Rome. Cost is \$1.10 for each copy.

"God's People: United For Conquest," written by David L. Jenkins and B. J. Dean, is the youth study for this year's Bible study. This book, taken from Judges 1 through Kings 11, is the third in the seven book Youth Bible Survey Series. It is also \$1.10 per copy.

The youth book describes Israel's ups and downs, spiritually and materially, and shows the relationship

between the state of the nation and dependence on God.

Also available are resource kits, study guides, filmstrips, teaching aids, a cassette tape and numerous promotional materials for January Bible Study promotion in local churches. All materials are available through Baptist Book Stores.

State Couple To Serve In Africa

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Clinton. He was graduated from Mississippi College in Clinton with the bachelor of science degree in chemistry and from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry in Memphis with the doctor of dental surgery degree.

Dr. Deever has been director of dental clinics for the University of Kentucky at Lexington and an instructor in dentistry at the University of Tennessee. He also served in the United States Marine Corps and taught science in a Biloxi, Miss., high school.

The former Dianne Sutherland of Bogalusa, La., Mrs. Deever received the bachelor of science in education degree from Mississippi College. She has taught third grade in the public schools of Biloxi and Memphis.

Dr. Deever is co-author of a textbook, A Comprehensive Review for Dental Hygienists, and Mrs. Deever was listed in the 1970 edition of Outstanding Young Women in America. She has also been president of the women's auxiliary to the Mississippi Dental Association.

They have three daughters, Melissa Sutherland, born in 1964; Amy Elizabeth, 1967; and Kimberly Dianne, 1970

and for discounting the propaganda efforts to get them to agree to the erosion of their liberties. Maryland has lived up to its designation as "the Free State."

Parochialism was defeated in referendum elections in 1972 in Maryland, Oregon, and Idaho, in 1970 in Michigan and Nebraska, and in 1967 in New York.

Maryland Voters Turn Down Huge Parochial Aid Measure

Senator Stennis Welcomes Baptist Women To Washington

By Barbara Taylor

When two busloads of Mississippi Baptist women (and three brave husbands!) arrived in Washington, D. C., Senator John C. Stennis was there to welcome them. The trip to Washington was part of a twelve-day tour sponsored by Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union and planned by Miss Ethel McKeithen, Baptist Women Director for Mississippi WMU.

After a tour of the White House, the group of seventy-nine went to the office of Senator Stennis, where he talked with them in an informal discussion time. After visiting with him, the group was escorted to the Capitol to meet the Doorkeeper, for the House of Representatives, Fishbait Miller, from Pascagoula, Mississippi. In addition to visiting with Senator Stennis, those on the trip learned about Baptist work in Washington. At the Baptist Building, Mrs. Catherine Grant, WMU executive secretary, welcomed the group and told them of the work which is carried on in Washington. The Baptist World Alliance office, which is housed in the Baptist Building, was an interesting point on the tour.

A planned tour of Washington took them to Arlington Cemetery, where they saw the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the changing of the guards,

and the graves of John and Robert Kennedy. The Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial and other places of interest were on the schedule.

Visiting in Washington was the halfway point of the tour for the Mississippians, for prior to that day, they had visited many places and learned much about not only Southern Baptist work, but also about our nation's history.

The first stop scheduled on the trip was Callaway Gardens at Pine Mountain, Georgia. The Foreign Mission Board uses the facilities of this beautiful resort area for the Missionary Orientation sessions for newly appointed Southern Baptist foreign missionaries. Two couples from Mississippi who are presently participating in the orientation program are the Bob Simmons, of Meridian, and the John McNairs, of Jackson. Needless to say, everyone enjoyed visiting with the folks from "home."

From Callaway Gardens the group drove to Atlanta to see the Home Mission Board, seeing first-hand the various phases of work carried on in the home mission programs.

Williamsburg, Virginia, the next stop on the itinerary, inspired the tourists and reminded them of the heritage, both religious and historical, which belongs to every American. The Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia, was the next stop. Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, Executive Secretary of the Board, was on hand to visit with the group and talk with them about the work and the growth of the Foreign Mission Board and its programs through the years.

From Virginia — to Washington — and on to New York our group traveled. Miss Edwina Robinson, former Executive Secretary of Mississippi WMU, was there to welcome the Mississippians to her adopted state. Miss Robinson is serving as Interim Executive Secretary of New York WMU as she helps our friends to the north to organize and carry on the work of Woman's Missionary Union. Miss Robinson and Mr. Ken Lyle told about the work being carried on and also of the many needs in the metropolitan area of New York.

In addition to visiting our Southern Baptist work being carried on and also of the many needs in the metropolitan area of New York.

In addition to visiting our Southern Baptist work in this city, the group went on a planned tour of New York which included the United Nations building. More history unfolded as the group traveled to Massachusetts, visiting Lexington and Concord, and seeing the Old North Church in which the lantern was hung as a signal for Paul

Revere.

From Massachusetts the group went to Buffalo, New York — and the majestic beauty of Niagara Falls. Arrangements had been made for the entire group to enjoy dinner in the revolving dining room which is located ten stories above the falls. As the globular dining room revolved, colored lights shining on the falls made the sight one to remember, indeed.

The next day the group arrived in Columbus, Ohio, where Dr. Ray Roberts, the Executive Secretary, told of the growth of Southern Baptist work in his state.

As the group turned homeward, the next stop was in Louisville, Kentucky, where they toured the grounds and buildings of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Leaving Louisville, they continued southward to Nashville, Tennessee, where they visited the Sunday School Board. Dr. James Sullivan, Executive Secretary of the Sunday School Board, met with the group in his office, officially welcoming them to the building.

The twelve-day tour had taken the group into seventeen states of our United States and the District of Columbia and had provided them with a look at Southern Baptist work in the northeastern states as well as giving them a glimpse into the history and the beginnings of our nation.

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EDITORIAL

Piping Filth Into The Home

I was shocked!

The ten o'clock television news had just ended, and because I was busy, I did not immediately get out of my chair to turn the set off. The "late movie" came on the screen, and the opening scene was shown before the title appeared. The opening conversation was only half heard, until I suddenly realized what was being said. Then I jumped quickly and turned the switch.

I will not repeat the words of that conversation here. I was shocked that I was hearing it on television, and that it was coming into my home, and, of course, probably into thousands of other homes. Since it was a national network program, that probably is millions of homes. I did not want such conversation in my home or in my own ears, so, of course, I turned the knob. That is the simple way of keeping such filth out of the family atmosphere.

Yet, I have kept wondering, is that all that I can do about this moral debauching of our nation? It is very simple to turn off the set, so the Christian can protect himself and his family from such filth, but should he stop there? Does not the Christian have a moral responsibility to try to stop this degenerate force that is racing (we cannot say creeping) across America?

I am not a prude, nor am I naive. I am fully conscious of the life that is being lived by many in this modern world. Thinking has changed and people do not live and act as they used to do. I realize that I probably am now with the minority. It is very disturbing, however, when the moral standards fall so low that obscene conversation, degenerate conduct, profane language, drinking and drunkenness, and unbridled violence no longer are confined to darkened off-limits theaters, but now have some of the prime time on the television.

The seriousness of such a situation was revealed in an interview with Andrew M. Bickle, professor of Law and Legal History at Yale University Law School, reported in the February, 1974 Reader's Digest. Discussing the present pornographic problem in America, Mr. Bickle said, "If it can be said, if it can be shown, if it is obviously permitted by society, then that society begins

to think it is do-able. Deviants aside we all tend to act within the range of what we think is tolerated by society." Mr. Bickle also called attention to the fact that moral decay was one of the forces which caused the downfall of Rome.

Perhaps most of us as Christians do not know what really is being shown on television, since we do turn off our sets when objectionable things come on. There are many, many splendid programs on television, along with news, sports, etc., but it is evident that some unacceptable programs also are being shown.

For example, according to announcements in the newspapers, a widely advertised sex-oriented film of a few years ago, was shown at prime time on a recent Sunday night.

A staff member told me of a recent film on TV where several times during the picture words were flashed on the screen warning parents that they might not want to let children watch the film.

One of the television networks has announced for weeks that The Godfather will be shown nationally at prime time within the next few weeks. According to those who know, the film is filled with objectionable material. The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission already has protested the showing, but evidently there is no change in the plans.

These are just a few examples which have come to my attention. I am sure that there are many more, for it appears that now films have to be bad in order to be financially successful. This in itself reveals the moral atmosphere which overshadows the nation.

We can rejoice, however, that at last many Americans are waking up, and becoming fed up with the brazenness of such dirt being piped into our homes. An article in a recent issue of TV guide told of the rising tide of protest, and some other popular magazines are telling a similar story.

One report tells of a film made especially for television showing, that was so corrupt, that when it was being shown at prime time in the early evening in one Southern city, there were so many telephone protests that the station stopped the screening of the film in the middle of the show, and took it off the air.

It appears that such protests are going to be necessary if anything is done

about the situation. People who do not want this filth to drag the nation down, are going to have to do more than turn off their sets. They are going to have to speak up. Some of the stories being written about the present activity, reveal that some network executives are unhappy because of this rising dissent. They need to remember, however, that the television and radio channels are a public domain and that those using them do so by franchise and as a public trust. They have a responsibility to the nation as a whole, and not simply to those who want the air filled with filth.

Protests can be made in several ways. They can be made to the Federal Communications Commission, which reportedly is investigating this rise of pornography and violence on television. Write to Mr. Richard Wiley, 1919 M Street, Washington, D. C., 20036, and let him know your convictions in these matters.

You also can protest to the local stations, when they screen such materials. While they have certain network obligations, we believe that they still have enough freedom to reject materials which obviously are degrading. These stations are owned by our fellow citizens, and they are seeking to serve the community and be one of its builders. They need our backing as they seek to provide wholesome, acceptable programming. Without doubt they do receive pressures from those who want the objectionable material shown, and they must have our support, if they make any attempt to in any way keep what they are showing clean and wholesome.

Protests also can be made to the advertisers, and the networks. A few scattered letters will do no good, but an avalanche of protest would be heard.

We are not seeking to force the television industry to make its product Christian, nor are we seeking to be censors of everything that is being shown. We simply cannot keep still when films so obscene and so violent as to have a degrading effect on the nation, are being shown at prime time. Nor do we believe that American citizens who do not want such material, can keep silent. They cannot watch our nation going the way of Rome without making some effort to stop it.



Impending Home Crusher

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Southern Baptists Lied To?

Perhaps the most honest way to begin is to state that "I am angry!" Angry because some sincere Southern Baptists are being lied to by a few pastors who are devious in their dealings. Angry because those who would deal dishonestly expect me to sit back quietly and submit to their chicanery. Angry because they have insulted the integrity of those who are Southern Baptists by conviction.

Lev. 19:11 "Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie to one another." Does a congregation feel that this should apply to the man who serves as their pastor? Undoubtedly it does if there is integrity among its people.

Co-operating, concerned Southern Baptists all over the world have contributed to the ministry of our Saviour. As a Southern Baptist concerned with being a part of God's plan I expect my title to support the ministry of Christ through his church all over the world.

I am a Southern Baptist by conviction. Having been a part of the world of commerce I know that any organization would envy the administration procedures employed in the Cooperative Program. Our money to missions is distributed quickly and efficiently with very little used to pay for the administration of that money. During a time of economic chaos the contributions of Southern Baptists have been used to strengthen the fastest growing force for Christ on this earth. Southern Baptists are Christians who believe in the necessity of cooperating to best serve Christ. Most Southern Baptists are Christians who serve by conviction, tithe by conviction, and worship by conviction. You are what you are because you believe that it is God's plan for your life and service.

Christian integrity demands that the Christian identify with those things he believes. This is my basis for anger. There are some pastors who will accept the responsibility of serving a congregation of Southern Baptists when they know that they as pastors do not believe in the work of Southern Baptists.



Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

It's State Convention time again. Has it actually been a year? They're getting like Christmas, seeming to come closer together every year.

Convention time is like Christmas time, too, sort of a Christian family get-together, providing a chance to see (and hug) friends of many years' duration, to swap information about families, to rejoice with each other in good things, sympathize in the bad things, encourage in the dismal.

Convention music is like Christmas music—it has a sound all its own. We sing comfortably, joyfully occasionally offkeyfully, too, robustly, slowly, softly, loud—however our leader tries to get us to sing. It usually takes us a whole verse to catch on. Probably we're a difficult "choir" to direct. We sing pretty much like we want to. But when someone stands up to sing for us, it's a different story. We listen, smile, nod our heads, nudge someone next to us to be sure he's listening, and when the music stops, we're often heard to say, "Amen." If we like it, that is. And we nearly always do.

We listen to the President's address, always with respect, for we know he is a person of great honor to be standing there. And as we listen, the fleeting thought of who his successor will be slips into our minds among his points.

We listen to the Convention sermon, sympathetic with the preacher whose congregation is suddenly so heavy with preachers. Again we're often heard to say "Amen."

We listen to reports, elect our officers, set goals, make motions, send all sorts of things to the Resolutions Committee, discuss our business like nobody's business, vote things in, vote things down, add amendments, make all sorts of moves to be sure the will of the Convention to its finally determined and indicated. Cut-and-dried applies to things like hay and tobacco, not to the Mississippi Baptist Convention business sessions.

We visit in the halls, the bookstore, the

Everybody Ought To Go To Sunday School

The children used to sing a little song:
"Everybody ought to go to Sunday School,
Everybody ought to go to Sunday School.
The men and the women, and the girls
and the boys,
Everybody ought to go to Sunday School."

And they ought!

Certainly, these words are true next Sunday, November 17. That is Celebration Day among Southern Baptists, when an effort will be made to have 5,000,000 people in the Sunday Schools of our nearly 35,000 churches.

Here in Mississippi the goal is 225,000, and everybody in every Baptist church in Mississippi

ought to be in Sunday School on that Sunday morning. (And, of course, every other Sunday morning, too, but especially next Sunday.)

Moreover, every Mississippi Baptist should go out in the next few days and find other people who are not in Sunday School and bring them to Sunday school with you next Sunday.

We should reach this goal!

We can reach this goal!

But we cannot reach it without you!

If YOU will come next Sunday, and bring someone else with you, we shall not only reach the goal but surpass it.

I am going to be in Sunday School next Sunday. Won't you join me?

NEWEST BOOKS

MEN AND WOMEN IN JOHN'S GOSPEL by Jerry M. Self (Broadman, 126 pp., \$1.10, Broadman Readers Plan Selection) Nicodemus, the woman of Samaria, the man born blind—these are some of the people in John's Gospel. The other Gospel writers introduce characters, but John's men and women are more vivid and memorable. This book is more than a collection of character studies; it helps us see our own problems and potentialities in the people Jesus dealt with. In a clear and thoughtful manner it offers a fresh interpretation of John's Gospel. (The author is pastor of Austin Heights Baptist Church, Nacogdoches, Texas.)

A FIELD OF DIAMONDS compiled by Joseph E. Johnson, with drawings by Phyllis Jelly (Broadman, \$2.95, 191 pp.) This attractively bound book is the first anthology of prose and poetry in Broadman's publishing history. Printed on pages of blue are devotional gems encompassing all of Christian history from New Testament times to the present. Materials have been gathered from hundreds of sources and arranged under 33 headings from "Adoration" through "Youth." Such people are included as Augustine, Martin Luther, Fanny Crosby, Roger Williams, C. H. Spurgeon, John Wesley, and George Truett—along with contemporary writers. Many selections are in print here for the first time. Says the compiler: "Every impulse and idea in this book rests on the foundational truths of Almighty God as revealed in Jesus Christ... Take. Read. Apply. Let these selections escort you through a field of diamonds provided by the Spirit."

COUNTING ADULT LIFE AND WORK by Harold H. Hobbs, January, 1974, 120 pp. by Harold H. Hobbs (Con-

vention Press, paper, \$1.50, 126 pp.) Expository treatment of each focal passage in the Life and Work Bible studies for the January-March quarter of 1975.

PARENTS AND THE EXPERTS by Diane Cooksey Kessler (Judson Press, \$2.45, paper, 96 pp.) Here is a book to help parents decide which of the many books on child care are best to use with their own child. The author has compared the instructions about discipline in the popular child-guidance manuals. She turns to the Christian understanding of human nature for guidance in recommending the style of discipline that seems theologically and psychologically sound.

CLIMB MOUNT MORIAH by Pat Brooks (Whitaker House, paper, \$1.25, 124 pp.) A fascinating book about people who have passed through life's darkest moments, facing prospects of broken marriage and adultery, of financial ruin and disgrace—but who have learned to tap the reservoir of spiritual power and have come through to victory.

GOD HAS THE ANSWER... TO YOUR PROBLEMS by Cyril J. Barber (Baker, paper, \$1.25, 145 pp.) In these thirteen chapters Bible people are portrayed without halos and events are recounted without veneer. We begin to see that these people's problems and our problems are often quite similar. Several cartoons aptly sum up the theme of each chapter.

MEDIA ON THE MOVE, REACHING OUT WITH RESOURCES compiled by Wayne E. Todd (Convention Press, paper, 123 pp., \$1.10, Church Study Course) This is an exciting book about using library materials in outreach. Dr. Todd, the author, is a former Mississippi pastor.

USING AUDIOVISUALS IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION by LeRoy Ford (Convention Press, paper, 128 pp., \$1.10, Church Study Course) Mr. Ford has done a masterful job in explaining not only the how, what, and when of using audiovisuals, but he has been especially helpful in presenting the reason for why.

THE HIDING PLACE by Corrie ten Boom with John and Elizabeth Sherrill (Revell, 219 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.50) Pocket book edition of the popular best seller on the Dutch Christian woman whose family hid Jews during the Hitler purge. This is an unforgettable story which is being made into a motion picture by the Billy Graham organization.

THE BIBLE IN THE LIGHT OF OUR REDEMPTION by E. W. Kenyon (Revell, 304 pp., paper, \$3.95) The subtitle is Basic Bible Course. This is a series of 37 messages examining the whole Bible revelation of God's plan for saving man.

THERE'S DYNAMITE IN PRAISE by Dan Gossett (Whitaker House, 124 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.25) A preacher learns the importance of praise in the prayer life. Experience, study of praise scriptures, illustrations from lives of others.

DR. BALAAM'S TALKING MULE by Pat Boone (Son-Rise Books, 156 pp., \$5.95) The author expresses his views on the leadership of the Holy Spirit and discusses the difficulties that he faced in his church because of those views.

PETER'S PRINCIPLES by Harold L. Fickett, Jr. (Regal, paper, 223 pp., \$1.45) A discussion of 1 and 2 Peter designed for laymen.

may serve in a Southern Baptist congregation.

When a Southern Baptist Christian unites with a congregation he is uniting with a congregation of similar purpose. He expects his title to help support the work of Southern Baptists. He expects to be a cooperating Christian through cooperating Baptist. When a pastor has led his congregation away from the support of the cooperating associational mission or the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program he should not operate under the name of a Southern Baptist! To allow someone to unite their lives and service with a church that is not what it says it is... that's a sham. To allow a person to tithe in a church that carries the name of Southern Baptists but does not support the work of Southern Baptists is to mislead that person and steal his money.

I believe that Southern Baptists are persons of Christian integrity who affiliate with other Southern Baptists because they know what they believe. If someone has become affiliated with a church whose pastor has led the congregation away from the support of Southern Baptist work but who accepts the help of the association, accepts the help of the Cooperative Program, and affiliates by name with the Southern Baptist Convention, I would urge that persons to ask his pastor why.

There are other Bible believing evangelical groups who are surrendered Christians and who are doing a marvelous work for the Lord. There is no reason to question their integrity because they aren't using the name of Southern Baptists in order to gain the membership of Southern Baptists or their tithe. My anger is with those who accept a trust under false pretense, mislead their congregation, and misuse the tithe of Southern Baptist Christians.

Respectfully,
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back to our... sessions and the inspirational messages, wishing all the time that the folks we'll lead when we get back home could be here to hear for themselves 'cause we know there's nothing quite so secondhand as reported inspiration.

After the Convention is all over, we feel about it a little like we do Christmas—that it really was worth the effort and trouble, that it really was about Christ, after all, and, best of all, that by the time it gets here next year, we'll be as excited about it as we always are. — Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

The way out of trouble is never as simple as the way in.

Truth fears nothing but concealment.

Broken friendships may be patched up, but the patch is likely to show.

Be friendly with the folks you know. If it weren't for them, you'd be a total stranger.

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State Convention Sermon: "Triumphant Strangers"

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Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. The Greek word which is translated "strangers" means "aliens in a foreign land." Christians then were strangers because they had a unique life and a unique responsibility. Christians today are strangers in the society in which we live. Peter called first century Christians to faith in their time of need. He is speaking to us in our promiscuous and sinful society in society also. We are strange to the which we live. Therefore, as we seek to accomplish the purpose of God in our world today we need the help of God.

1. Elect Strangers
Peter describes the strangers to whom his epistle is addressed as people who are elect. They were chosen by God. Many people believe that the term "strangers" or "exiles" as it is often translated, refers to Jews who were scattered over the Roman empire. The Jews had lost their identity as a nation, so those who were outside of Palestine were called exiles. Doubtless, these Jews to whom Peter spoke were Christians, and as Christians they could be called strangers or exiles. It is not unusual that he would call Christians exiles, because believers in Christ are strangers to the way of life which is practiced by unbelievers. The Bible describes several Godly people as strangers. Abraham was a stranger and a pilgrim among men because of his identity with Jehovah through faith. Jesus was also a stranger. He had strong heavenly ties, but He did not have a place to lay his head upon earth. He lived with men, and became one of us that He might suffer for our sins on the cross, but His home was always in heaven. Whether the redeemed is of the dispersion of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, or of the United States, Brazil, or England, he is a stranger because his citizenship is in heaven.

With heavenly citizenship, Christians become pilgrims. Pilgrims endure hardship. It is certain that believers who earnestly serve the Lord will have hardships. Jesus told His disciples that they should expect to be rejected by the world. Both believers and unbelievers must expect suffering, but suffering is temporary for the believer because he has citizenship in a spiritual kingdom. By nature the believer is out of step with the ways of the world because he is "looking for a city which hath foundations."

It is sad that in the context of Christianity today there are many people who are fleeing from the responsibilities that are ours because of hardships. People are fleeing from the ministry. Many who are staying in the ministry are constantly complaining about the hardships, and always looking for a place where it will be easier. Let us remember that we are pilgrims of God. Therefore we must endure our hardships.

The world, they have hope because they are elected by God. Peter says that believers are strangers to that this election is according to God's fore-knowledge through the Holy Spirit and unto obedience. God makes the human life what He intends for it to be through this divine process. It therefore no longer matters that the believer is stranger to the world because he enjoys the full blessings of God's election. Peter says that one of these blessings is a secure salvation. The Christian pilgrim is secured in his future hope because God has made complete and adequate provisions for his salvation. When Peter says that believers are "chosen according to the fore-knowledge of God the Father,"

the foundation on which we stand is secure. Peter tells men through Jesus Christ. Peter meant this to be a comforting message to suffering people. It is a great comfort to believers now that God has given them an eternal security.

ity though they are rejected by the world. To be elected according to God's fore-knowledge means that God accepts the believer.

The election of God is through the Holy Spirit. God initiates the act of salvation by the Holy Spirit. This means that salvation is not physically obtained; but it is obtained by God moving into the human life in the person of the Holy Spirit. Salvation is not initiated by identification with the church or by choosing a philosophy but it is initiated by the intervention of the one true God in a redemptive act through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Because of this ministry of the Holy Spirit men do not need to depend upon their cunning abilities to bring people to God. The devil intends for people to believe that they are secure if they give assent to doctrines. But because of the nature of sin redemption necessitates divine intervention. The Bible is revealed to bring men to a knowledge of the way of life but the effectual call to salvation is initiated by the Holy Spirit. The work of the Holy Spirit goes on in the Christian's life as he ministers to every spiritual need of the believer. Paul says that salvation is by grace, but God fore-ordained that believers lives would be used in His service. The working of God's Spirit in the believer's life makes possible power for service. The Christian is able to do everything that he needs to do through the ministry of the Holy Spirit in his life. For instance, if we need to love, the Spirit of God can love through us if we are willing for the Spirit of God to possess us.

The ultimate of election is obedience and sprinkling of the blood. The sprinkling of the blood refers to the redemptive work of Jesus. Believers are saved by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. As stated by the writer of Hebrews, "The Lord appeared once in the end of the world to put away sin, and He did this by the sacrifice of Himself" (Heb. 9:26). The sacrifice of Jesus is complete and satisfactory for redemption.

The believer is saved unto obedience. The work of Jesus is the means of salvation, but the object of salvation is obedience to God. James said that one could not claim to have faith if he did not have good works. He could only have a dead faith which is a nonexistent faith. An illustration of this is seen in the experience of the people of Israel during the times of Moses. They were redeemed, but they were disobedient. So, they were delayed forty years in possessing the promised land. God's people are elected to obedience. Though the yoke of redemption, if they are disobedient, they lose their happiness, power, and victory. Obedience is never easy. It was not easy for Jesus. Obedience to God may necessitate suffering. Because God's elect are precious to Him, He helps them carry their burdens if they are carried obediently.

Grace and peace are possessed by those who trust the Lord, and commit their lives to Him. Grace is God's love to man activated by God. Elect strangers have received the grace of God when receiving salvation, but believers continuously receive grace from God through daily communion with Him. God gives strength and victory for suffering Christians through His grace. It may be difficult to serve the Lord in these times; but because strangers are elected, the power of God is available for our lives.

II. The Faith of Strangers
There is a faith which seems to be important. Peter tells nothing of himself, but simply names himself as an Apostle of Jesus Christ. This simply identity tells us very much about both Peter and his

readers. Peter was a man who identified completely with Jesus Christ. He believed that he could speak for God because of this identification. The readers of his epistle accepted his message as a message from God without qualification.

Today we must have some authority as the basis for our faith. It needs to be the same authority as we see here in the book.

Peter was an Apostle who belonged totally to Jesus. Christians must be totally possessed by Jesus. Let us observe what this total possession meant to Peter and to us. The centerpiece of Peter's salutation is the authority of God. Some have questioned that this marvelous little epistle could have been written by a Galilean fisherman who was called "ignorant and unlearned." They forget that Peter had made a long journey from his nets in Galilee to the writing of this epistle. Peter had learned that Jesus was the Christ and he loudly confessed this at Caesarea Philippi. Though he understood this, he made several journeys into the wilderness of doubt and confusion; but he finally was filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Peter finally did "deny himself" and give all to the Lord. After this he became a positive preacher of the resurrection. He was no longer one who was dependant on a physical Messiah but his authority was an eternal God who lived in his heart.

The Holy Spirit made Peter a powerful preacher. It is not surprising that the Spirit-filled preacher of Pentecost wrote First Peter. He walked with God. God gave him a message of authority.

We must have faith in God and His message which is contained in His word. This will be our strength in troubled times.

III. New Life For Strangers
The message of First Peter begins with a call to faith. Terrible things were about to happen to those who first read this epistle. Persecution from Rome was inevitable. Nero stood on the horizon of history already beginning his bitter and bloody persecution of Christians. Peter wrote to people who could hear the dirge of death in the distance. He did not write to say that persecution would not come, nor did he say that they would not be affected by Nero's tragic torture, but he said that they should bless God because He provided a life of hope for now and eternity for all who believe on Him. The hope of God was their comforting companion.

Believers still find victory in times of need by trusting the Lord. Christians are being persecuted openly in some places in the present time. In almost all areas there are some trials for believers. Assuredly the constant temptations of the devil are goading to believers. Though the situation is different from the first century, it takes courage to demonstrate faith in the Lord Jesus today. Sacrifice and suffering still come to all who commit themselves fully to the will of God. Peter insists that this suffering should be accepted as the will of God, and it should be borne with joy.

Peter says that physical suffering must be accepted. It may be assigned to us for the refinement of our faith. If we accept it as such and trust the Lord, suffering can become a source of fellowship with God rather than a terrible agony.

In verses 3 through 6 God praised because He produced the victorious life. The God who produced all things was not described in a general way but He was revealed as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He departed from Judaism, because he retained a warm feeling toward his race. Peter did have this attitude but it is evident that he believed that Jesus was

God's Son and the revealer of the Father. God can be known only through Jesus. God's strength brought Peter through times of testing, and it brings believers in any age through testings, because God gives His power to them through faith in His Son.

Verses 3 through 5 compose a type of Christian Shema. The Jews had several liturgical forms which began with the word "blessed." These were directed toward God as their hope. Through Peter begins his doxology with the same word as was used by the Jews. It is quite different. His faith in God was a continuation of his fellowship with Jesus. Therefore, he praised God as the Father of the Lord Jesus.

God is praised because He has "begotten us again." Some interpreters believe that Peter was influenced by the Greek mystery religions in his use of the word "begotten." It is true that the word was used by the adherents to those religions, but it is also true that the word was used in Jewish vocabularies. Whether the source of the word is in the Greek religions or the Jewish religion, the meaning for Christians is the same. Peter was saying that all who had faith in Jesus had a new life and a new way to live in that life.

Man is more than a physical creature. Most people recognize that "self" is not the physical body, but it is a kind of indefinable personality. Different terms have been used to describe this "self" such as ego, id, soul, and spirit. Jesus taught that one must be born again in order that he might have fellowship with God. The new birth is God's entrance into the entire human life. The new birth gives the Christian the equipment necessary in his encounter with suffering.

Men do not receive the new birth because of their merit but it is received "according to the riches of His mercy." In a grammatical analysis of this passage the phrase "according to the riches of His mercy" should be taken with the participle which is translated "having begotten us again." The new birth is the product of the mercy of God. The wealth of this mercy is seen in the death of Jesus on the cross.

The mercy of God produces a "living hope" in the believer. Peter knew about this living hope because of his own experience. Peter had been a poor Galilean fisherman and apparently his physical life was quite burdensome. His religion also has become cold. Judaism had almost no promise of any future for its adherents. When Jesus entered Simon Peter's life He changed everything. Peter received a hope from Jesus that could not be destroyed.

The means of the new birth is expressed in the phrase "through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead." The resurrection of Jesus was not only the means of the new birth, but it was also the guarantee of it. Actually the resurrection of Jesus became a point of transformation of Peter's life. Before the resurrection he denied the Lord to have himself, but after the resurrection he told the Sanhedrin that he would preach Jesus, though they had commanded him to never speak in His name (Acts 4:18-20). He was born again by the resurrection of Jesus.

In addition to the hope that believers possess in Christ, God gives an unusual inheritance. Peter describes this inheritance as "incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you." The living hope which the believer has is a present attitude and the inheritance is eternal.

The inheritance is also undefiled. It men could earn this inheritance defilement would be possible but since

God given the inheritance defilement is impossible.

This inheritance "fadeth not away." The inheritance is not limited by time. Human life fades away as time takes its toll. Men lose the vigor and strength of youth. The pigment of the hair ceases to function, wrinkles form, and we say that we are getting old. Actually, we are fading away. The believer has an inheritance that cannot be ravaged by time.

In addition to a living hope and an inheritance, God gives security to all believers. Peter says that Christians are "kept by the power of God through faith." This is a most encouraging fact for suffering people. Believers are saved by the power of God when they come into union with God through faith. Faith is the total commitment of life to God. It is believing that God is the way of salvation. However, it is more than believing these things; it is committing one's life to God as a person who provides life and salvation. Faith is the condition of salvation and righteousness. The saved are kept in their salvation by the power of God through faith. The activity of God is obvious both in the inception and continuous operation of the believer's experience of salvation.

There is reason for rejoicing in the experience of total salvation. Believers can rejoice even while they are suffering. The word which is translated "rejoice" is used in the Septuagint to express praise for God because of His work of mercy. Peter did not say that believers would be able to rejoice after their suffering, but he said that they would rejoice while they were sorrowful. He says, "Rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been put to grief in manifold trials." The first readers of Peter's letter were in real suffering, and their relationship to Christ did not erase the hurt, but it was possible for them joyously to praise God while they suffered. One may feel the bonds of criticism and the hurt of anguish and disappointment as he serves the Lord, but he can continuously rejoice in the salvation which Christ has given.

The "little while" of this suffering must be compared with God's eternity. God is eternal and so are His blessings for the saved. The eternal blessings of God cause great rejoicing for the believer and overshadow any temporal suffering.

Peter gives four reasons for suffering by believers: the proof of faith, the refinement of faith, the response of love, and full salvation. When Peter says that suffering is for the proof of faith, he is not saying that God caused suffering for proof, but God uses suffering to demonstrate the genuineness of Christian faith. By demonstrating the reality of faith through the stress of suffering, God gives the believer reason to rejoice. The word which is translated trial has been found in the papyri to me and genuine. Therefore, the passage could be translated, "what is genuine in your faith may be found more precious than gold which shall perish though it is tested by means of fire." God is tested by fire to show that it is genuine.

While we are suffering for a little while we are exercising love toward God though we cannot see Him. Peter was not saying that his first readers had never seen Jesus with their eyes, but he was saying that now in this fire of suffering they were not seeing Him with their eyes. Still there was an abiding love for Him. Believers cannot now see Jesus with their eyes, but through faith even in suffering they are exercising love.

in the future when Jesus returns, but even now there is reason to rejoice in love for the Lord Jesus Christ. In Him

there is rejoicing with a "joy unspeakable and full of glory." The present rejoicing is one that defies description; the future glory is to be even greater. This joy is present even in the time of suffering. It is a joy that is filled with the glory of God. Human eyes are not seeing Him now, but man's faith finds Him and is casting a fixed look upon Him. Peter is not saying that back in the past somewhere man believed on Christ, and now in his suffering he will seek to call back that faith. He says that now in the time of suffering, he will rejoice because he is always believing in Christ. It may be that he has believed during easy times, but he will keep on believing during suffering also, so he does rejoice even in his suffering.

Again Peter calls for the future hope of a full salvation as a reason for present rejoicing. Though Christianity is a way of life for the present, it is also a life with a future hope. All that is realized in the present is merely a part of the fullness which will be known in the future. There is a sense in which the salvation of our souls has already come to us, but there is a future which will bring the consummation of the fullness of salvation. Now in the hour of suffering we can rejoice in the promise of this full salvation.

Peter says that "the prophets searched diligently concerning the time or the quality of the time that the Spirit did signify concerning the suffering Christ and the glories that should follow them." The prophets of the Old Testament listened to God. Often we read words like these from the prophets, "The word of the Lord is come unto me." God told these prophets that a suffering Messiah would come, and that He would be crowned with glory. They searched diligently to find when the time of His coming would be, but they could not determine the exact time. Peter said that the prophets found that the fulfillment of God's promise about the Messiah was reserved for the people who lived in the first century and afterward.

Today we do not search for God in some strange mysticism, but we find fellowship with Him through Jesus Christ. He spoke in other ages through the prophets, but He speaks now through His Son. To know the Son is to know God.

God gives us victory through the presence of His Son in our lives. As we make ourselves available to God through Christ, we have the strength that is needed to rejoice in suffering.

Penn-Jersey Baptists Elect Frank Bowman

MCMURRAY, Pa. (BP) — The Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania - South Jersey, in its fourth annual meeting, elected Frank E. Bowman, the pastor of Main Street Baptist Church in Boylston, Pa. as their new president.

Messengers also approved a record 1975 budget of \$653,700, recognized the formation of a new association of churches, Northwest Baptist Association in the Erie, Pa., area and heard that 18 new congregations had been formed in the convention since the 1973 annual meeting. The convention now has four associations with more than 12,000 members in 108 congregations.

The 1975 Penn-Jersey convention meeting will be Nov. 7-8 at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Cherry Hill, N.J.

The 1974 convention formed a Cooperative Program (unified budget) giving to 24 per cent for national Southern Baptist Convention causes.

Supreme Court Refuses New Obscenity Cases

WASHINGTON (BP) — For the present, the U.S. Supreme Court had decided not to attempt defining precisely what constitutes obscenity in motion pictures and books.

That appears to be the clear message of nine 5-4 decisions by the court to refuse to schedule for oral arguments a new series of obscenity cases which had reached the docket of the nation's highest tribunal.

The nine cases, which came to the high court from New York, California, Florida and Virginia, all stemmed from local bans on obscenity. In its 6-3 decision last year, in *Miller v. California*, the court ruled that local communities may determine for themselves what constitutes obscene matter in judging films and printed materials.

Earlier this year, in *Jenkins v. Georgia*, a case involving the film "Carnal Knowledge," the court held unanimously that although it stood by its earlier *Miller* decision, "it would be a serious misreading of that decision to conclude that juries have unbridled discretion in determining what is 'patently offensive.'"

Following the *Jenkins* decision last summer, the Supreme Court subse-

quently refused to hear 18 other obscenity cases in an action identical to that of the nine 5-4 decisions. By disposing of such a large number of similar cases, the court seems to be signaling a willingness to rest, at least temporarily, on the *Miller* and *Jenkins* rulings.

In a related action, the high court has already heard oral arguments this fall in a case challenging the city of Chattanooga, Tenn., for refusing to allow the rock musical "Hair" to run in a municipally-owned theater.

The promoters of "Hair" contended before the court that the First Amendment's guarantee of free speech encompasses a play, including actions as well as words. "Hair" gained fame in the mid-1960s as an anti-establishment production and is still running in several U.S. cities.

Part of the controversy surrounding the musical was its liberal use of four-letter words and a nude scene.

By hearing oral arguments in the case, the court has expressed its willingness to consider for the first time on obscenity case involving the theater.

As for movies and printed matter, the court has for now decided not to decide further.



Truck Given To San Blas Missionary

Donnie Hendon of Shaw, (center) agricultural missionary to the San Blas Islands off the coast of Panama, has received the keys to a new truck from Bill Skelton, project chairman, Bolivar County Chapter of the Agricultural Missions Foundation, a Baptist lay organization. Looking on is John A. Howarth Jr., chapter president. The truck will be used for transporting supplies across Panama for use by the Southern Baptist Hospital on the islands, and for the agricultural mission projects. As a layman, Hendon works with the Cuna Indians in Panama teaching improved agricultural methods and introducing new sources of food. Hendon usually spends nine months in Panama and three months at home in Shaw. He began his work in March 1973 and expects to continue for an additional three years in Panama.

Foreign Missions Hotline; Latest News By Telephone

RICHMOND — Need to know the correct time? Or the temperature? Are you in trouble? What about the latest sports scores? In many locations, this is as close as the dial of a telephone. And for Southern Baptists preparing for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, the latest, fast-breaking news about foreign missions is as close as a call to Foreign Missions Hotline 1974 in Richmond, Va.

For the fourth consecutive year, Foreign Missions Hotline will give news from overseas for the price of a three-minute call to Richmond. The prerecorded message is changed each Tuesday and will run from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31.

The voice of Foreign Missions Hotline is William R. Smith, pastor of Chamberlayne Baptist Church in Richmond. This is the third year that Smith, a former broadcaster, has lent his voice to foreign missions. A native of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Smith was an announcer for WBAP-TV in Fort Worth, Tex., while attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary there.

The Foreign Missions Hotline will carry fresh news soon after it happens and representative prayer con-

cerns. The hotline will also try to zero in on at least one missionary with a specific need or reason for praise.

If this year is typical, hotline will receive more than 3,000 calls. Because the demand was so great and many people were finding the line busy, a second backup line was installed.

"The values of the Foreign Missions Hotline are twofold — to provide current and fresh information about foreign missionaries and their work around the world and to motivate Southern Baptists to personal prayer involvement," said Samuel A. DeBord.

There have been instances when Foreign Missions Hotline has mentioned a prayer request and then in a later week reported that the prayer was answered. This happened for two missionary couples destined for Malaysia who waited a considerable time for their visas to be processed. This was mentioned as a prayer concern and the very next week the visas came through.

Call (804) 355-6581 or (804) 355-6582 for the latest foreign missions information and prayer requests.

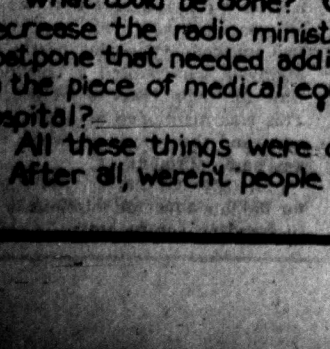
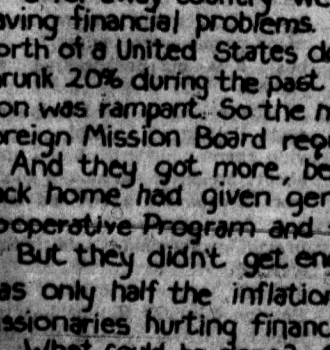
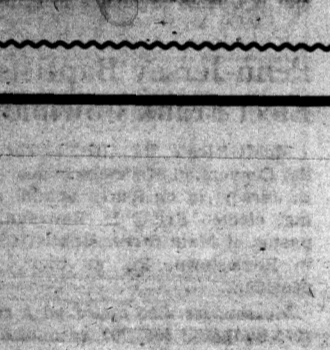
Names In The News

Comie Elard Fleming, missionary journeyman in Japan, may be addressed at 11-37-1 Kami Itsu, Kokure-ku, Kitakyushu 803, Japan. Born in Durant, Miss., she grew up in Aberdeen.

Rick Herrington, son of Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Herrington, of Pearl, was licensed to the gospel ministry by Grandview Church, Jackson, Sunday, October 20, during the morning worship service. Rick is married to the former Brender Berry of Oak Grove, Louisiana, and they have one child, Becky, 9. Rev. and Mrs. Herrington's youngest son, Dennis, has just accepted Boeuf River Baptist Church, Rayville, La., as pastor.



Mrs. Beanie Arnold, pictured above, top photo, with the Sunday School director of Wheeler Church, Lennie Murphy, received a seventeen year perfect attendance pin. The pin was presented to her during promotion ceremonies at the church on October 8, during the Sunday morning service. On the same date Mack Garner, bottom left, and Mitchell Garner, bottom right, both received perfect attendance pins for nine years. Eight others received pins for less than five years. Rev. Wiley Gann is the pastor.



INDONESIA MISSIONARIES—Two of the newly elected members of the eight-man executive committee of the Indonesia Baptist Mission have ties in Mississippi. They are Thomas O. Barron (left) and John D. Smith. Barron is a graduate of William Carey College, and is a former pastor of Williamsburg Church, Collins, and of West Side mission of First, Picayune. Mrs. Barron, the former Hazel Clark, is a native of Richton. Smith is a native of Lucien. He is a graduate of Mississippi College, and is a former pastor of Calvary, Cleveland. He is married to the former Nell Brock of Harrisville.

E. Lee Sizemore, assistant editor of "Home Life" magazine at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, since 1971, has been named editor of family ministry products. Mrs. Margaret Franklin, editorial assistant, will succeed Sizemore as assistant editor of "Home Life."

Dr. Robert L. Cate, pastor of First Church, Aiken, SC, has been elected associate professor of Old Testament at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, California. Cate, who has lived in Aiken for the past ten years, will begin his service with the seminary on Jan. 1, 1975. He is a native of Nashville, TN, and has been pastor of churches in Kentucky, Georgia and South Carolina.

Howard Patterson on Oct. 15 joined the staff of First, Senatobia as educational and associate activities director. He is a native of Senatobia, a graduate of Senatobia High School, Northwest Miss. Jr. College, and Mississippi College.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy J. Hartfield, Baptist representatives to Mexico, on furlough, may be addressed at Rte. 5, Box 182-D, Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401. Both are natives of Mississippi.

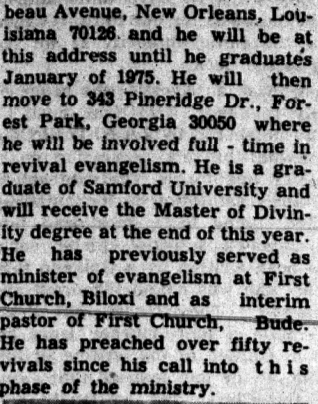
Friendship Church Columbus, recently ordained Cecil O. Blakney as deacon. Mr. Blakney and family, Ann, Ken, Linda and Donna, reside in the Eau Claire housing community near New Hope. He is an eight year employee with General Tire Chemical and Plastics division, working as a quality control supervisor. He is a very active member of Friendship as a regular choir singer and also works with the youth in the Royal Ambassador program. He has a great interest in gospel music and is presently singing bass with a local Columbus gospel group, called the "Revivers."



First Church, Gautier has called James C. Bond as minister of music. Mr. Bond is pictured with his wife and five-year-old daughter, Jennifer. Mr. Bond received the Bachelor of Arts degree in music from Louisiana College with majors in church music, voice, music theory, and secondary music education. While serving the Gautier church he is studying for his Master's in Church Music at New Orleans Seminary. Mr. Bond is a native of West Monroe, Louisiana. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Bond, Sr., are presently residents of Gautier. He is married to the former Ann Traxler of Ferriday, Louisiana. Mrs. Bond is a student at the Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans. The pastor, Rev. John G. Brock states, "that Mr. Bond's ministry in music has added tremendously to the total program of the church."

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Rev. Keith Fordham, a third year student at New Orleans Seminary, has been called into full-time evangelism work and is available for week-end, revivals and supply engagements. Mr. Fordham's present address is 3912 Mirabeau Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70128, and he will be at this address until he graduates January of 1975. He will then move to 343 Pineridge Dr., Forest Park, Georgia 30050 where he will be involved full-time in revival evangelism. He is a graduate of Samford University and will receive the Master of Divinity degree at the end of this year. He has previously served as minister of evangelism at First Church, Biloxi and as interim pastor of First Church, Bude. He has preached over fifty revivals since his call into this phase of the ministry.



Two members of Springdale Church in Attala Association were recently licensed to the Gospel ministry. During the summer revival Horace G. McMillan, left, publicly surrendered his life to the will of God. Mr. McMillan stated that he had been called to the ministry many years ago as a young man but did not answer God's call. He is now 63 and has committed the rest of his life to Christ to be used as He sees fit. Mr. McMillan is a Gideon and has been active in lay ministry for the past three years. Billy Warren Price, III, 13 is a student at Kosciusko Junior High school. After consultation with his pastor, Rev. Floyd F. Higginbotham, over a period of several weeks, Billy presented himself to the church in a regular worship service, stating that God had called him to preach.

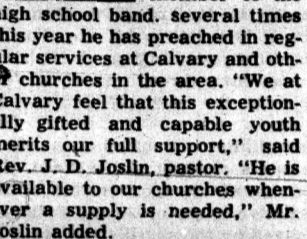
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Mrs. Frances Neel Cheney (center) internationally known librarian in the field of reference services was a recent visitor to the Leland Speed Library at Mississippi College. Here she visits with Dr. E. A. McLemore (left) president emeritus of the college, author-historian and executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission; and Mrs. Ada Sumrall, instructor in library science and media center librarian. Dr. McLemore shows her a volume of his recent two-volume History of Mississippi. Mrs. Cheney and Dr. McLemore were friends while at Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn. (M.C. Photo by Norman H. Gough)

Gary Wayne Crowell, son of Mrs. House Davis, Batesville, and Boyce Crowell, Sr., Monroe, Louisiana, was licensed to the gospel ministry recently by the Calvary Church, Batesville. Gary is a junior at South Panola High School where he is a member of the high school band. Several times this year he has preached in regular services at Calvary and other churches in the area. "We at Calvary feel that this exceptionally gifted and capable youth merits our full support," said Rev. J. D. Joslin, pastor. "He is available to our churches whenever a supply is needed," Mr. Joslin added.



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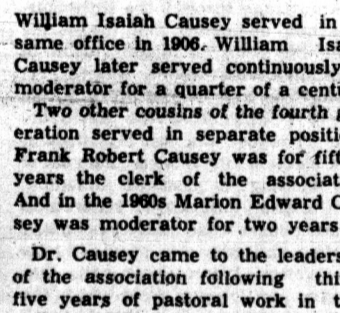


HAND WRESTLING — Giving a demonstration of the way Beowulf wrestled in the epic by that name is just one of the ways Dr. Rosalie Daniels, professor of English at Mississippi College, keeps her classes awake. Dr. Daniels joined the college faculty this fall after receiving her doctorate degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. (M.C. Photo by Bob Rampy)

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A Missionary Parable



A group of Southern Baptist missionaries in a far-away country were having financial problems. The worth of a United States dollar had shrunk 20% during the past three years. Inflation was rampant. So the missionaries wrote to the Foreign Mission Board requesting more funds.

And they got more, because the people in churches back home had given generously the year before to the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

But they didn't get enough money. The increase in stateside giving was only half the inflation rate in the country where they served, and other missionaries hurting financially were asking for additional funds.

What could be done? Cut corners on travel to remote areas for preaching? Decrease the radio ministry thereby reaching fewer people for Christ? Postpone that needed addition to the Student center? Wait another year on the piece of medical equipment which could save lives in the Baptist hospital?

All these things were done due to lack of funds.

After all, weren't people back home also sacrificing and denying themselves?

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Dr. Causey, Fifth Generation Of Causeys In Mississippi Association, Is Named Emeritus

The Mississippi Baptist Association in its 168th annual session at Centerville, October 25, awarded the honorary title of emeritus superintendent of missions to Dr. Emerald M. Causey. Dr. Causey served as superintendent of missions from 1963 until he became disabled by physical illness late in 1964. Equal appreciation was also expressed for Mrs. Causey who succeeded him and served until they retired in August 1968. Since that date she has rendered leadership in Woman's Missionary Union, Sunday School and Church Training activities.

Following William, who for the first

thirteen years of the association served almost continuously as a messenger and treasurer, his son Ransom Jackson Causey was treasurer 1851-53.

In the third generation two grandsons of William, who were cousins, occupied two offices. William Henry Causey was treasurer in 1900 and



Mr. and Mrs. Causey

Dr. Causey is a fifth lineal generation descendant of William Causey, one of the ten messengers who in July, 1806 constituted the Association. Each generation of the family has furnished the association one or more of its general officers.



Wheeler Honors Deacon Murry Spain

On October 6, Murry J. Spain, pictured with his wife and members of the Church Council, received a certificate of appreciation from Wheeler Church for outstanding and long time service as chairman of deacons. Mr. Spain recently had to resign because of a heart condition. Left to right, front row: Betty Sue Smith, Church Training director, Mrs. Spain, Mr. Spain, Billy Roberts, chairman of deacons. Back row: Wiley Gann, pastor, Mrs. J. B. Wheeler, church clerk and W.M.U. director, Billy Joe Fleming, Brotherhood director, Lennie Murphy, Sunday School director and Carl Greenhaw, church treasurer. The certificate was signed by the entire Church Council.

William Isaiah Causey served in the same office in 1906. William Isaiah Causey later served continuously as moderator for a quarter of a century.

Two other cousins of the fourth generation served in separate positions. Frank Robert Causey was for fifteen years the clerk of the association. And in the 1960s Marion Edward Causey was moderator for two years.



Dr. Causey came to the leadership of the association following thirty-five years of pastoral work in the states of Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Oregon and Washington. In each of three states he was moderator of an association and was also a member of the State Convention Executive Boards of three state conventions. For two years he was president of the Northwest Baptist Convention and at the time of returning to his native Mississippi he served as a member of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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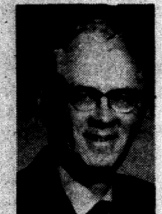
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Ezekiel Speaks Of A Promise Of Renewal

Ezekiel 36 — 37

By William J. Falls

Last Sunday's lesson on Jeremiah told of the second siege and final destruction of Jerusalem. Eleven years earlier the Babylonians had captured the city and had taken much treasure and thousands of captives. One of them was the priest Ezekiel. His work as a prophet began after he reached Babylon. Thus, although Ezekiel was a contemporary of Jeremiah, their ministry was separated by about 600 miles. Without the Temple as the focus of his religious zeal, perhaps Ezekiel was more open to remarkable communications from the Spirit. His book is full of strange visions with strong judgment pronounced on "Judah and her neighbors. In the concluding chapters (36 to 48) the theme is restoration: the exiles would eventually go home to achieve a new national and religious life.



The Lesson Explained
TO CLEAR THE NAME OF THE LORD (vv. 22-24)
As the children of Israel took possession of Canaan and as Solomon's realm extended to the east and the south, the name of Israel's God became well known in that part of the world. Yahweh gave his people wealth and influence; he had chosen them for a special purpose. But when they partially deserted him by worshiping other deities, Yahweh's judgment came first on the Northern Kingdom and then on Judah. The children of Israel had spurned the God who had blessed them. They acted as though he was only one among many, as though his covenant was cheap and worthless. His name had been made to appear common among the heathen. They thought Yahweh (the Lord) was just a national deity who was not able to save his people.

This chapter was written probably sometime after the destruction of Jerusalem. Most of Ezekiel's speaking had been concerned with judgment, but now he sees in the Lord's purpose the possibility of Israel's restoration. It would not come because the people deserved it or could work for it. It would come to make holy the Lord's name. As Israel would be reestablished in the homeland, neighboring peoples would know that the Lord really is the holy God. He had not been defeated by Israel's apostasy and exile.

NFW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT (vv. 25-30)
But the restoration would be more than a dramatic spectacle. Something wonderful would happen to "the house of Israel"; the people would be changed on the inside. Renewal would take place in the restoration. To be sure, Ezekiel used a priestly symbol in verse 25, but the next verse makes it clear that renewal concerns the heart and spirit and is not something to be applied to the body.

At first the phrases "a new heart" and "a new spirit" remind us of parallelism in Hebrew poetry, but verse 27 leads us to see a distinction. The Hebrews thought of the heart as the center of the psyche, or the very focus of the personality. Because of sin, the heart must be made new — from stone to flesh. But there's more. The Lord promised to "put my spirit within you." That power would really make a difference in the way they would live. They would be led to keep step with God's laws and to live by his requirements. Then they would feel at home in the land of their fathers, and they would be glad to be the Lord's people. Such a renewal would set the stage for God-given blessings of rich harvests from tree and field. No more would Israel be embarrassed by famine in the land the Lord had provided. Such a catastrophe was seen as a sign of God's disfavor or weakness.

ASHAMED OF EVIL WAYS (vv. 31-32)
In the midst of all their blessings and their refreshing new relationship with God, the people would occasionally remember their dark past. Then they would detest themselves, recalling with horror the ways they had violated their covenant with the Lord while experimenting with pagan gods. They would remember also how they had deserved his judgment on their oppression, dishonesty, and infidelity. Even as the prophet foresaw the restoration, he reminded the people that it was their wickedness that exiled them in the past. Only God's grace could help them live beyond that shame.

"World's Strongest Man" To Be At Richland, Reach-Out Sunday

Paul Anderson, "the world's strongest man," will appear at the Richland Church, Highway 49 South at Plain, on November 17. He will perform a weight-lifting demonstration at the Richland School Gym at 10 a.m. for the children and youth. He will speak at the Richland Baptist Church morning worship services at 11 a.m.

Mr. Anderson will appear in connection with the convention-wide "Reach-out" Sunday School emphasis. The attendance goal for the Richland Sunday School on November 17 is 1,000. Pastor Paul B. Williamson, Jr. invites the public.

This has been "A Month To Remember" at Richland. Music Day, November 10, featured the Plainsmen Quartet, Reality, and the Messengers' Quartet. On November 12, John Laughlin was speaker for a churchwide fellowship supper. Also on November 12, for the children's party, Dr. Henry E. Hight presented "The Gospel in Magic."

November 17, Paul Anderson will be present for Super Sunday. Then for November 24, two special guests will speak — Mississippi's 1974 Junior Miss, Shella Tipton, and Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The Lord has given us two hands — one with which to get and the other with which to give. We're not seed-boxes for storing, but sowers for sharing. We're not cisterns for hoarding, but channels for helping. "God so loved... that He gave." If we love, we'll give.

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High School Weekend at BMC provides an opportunity for prospective students to come to the campus, to meet the students and the faculty, and to see for themselves what a great college BMC is. A complete schedule of activities will include conferences with faculty and staff, auditions for music scholarships, a dramatic production, several skits, and plays, and a concert by the "Second Century," the popular singing group from the college.
The Speech and Drama department will present "Spoon River Anthology," Thursday and Friday nights, November 14 and 15, at 8:00 and again on Saturday afternoon. The "Second Century" will present a concert Saturday at 7:30 p.m. which will include modern popular music, music from the fifties, and contemporary religious numbers.
High school girls, juniors and seniors, are invited to visit November 16-17 for the "American Graffiti Weekend." For further information, contact the college. The telephone number is (601) 685-5711.
Approximately 300 high school students are expected to attend the special weekend events, according to Donna Abel, president of the host class. Mac Clark, art professor, is sponsor of the class.

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Trueblood Speaks At Baptist Seminary

Dr. Elton Trueblood of Richmond, Inc., noted author, was the guest speaker at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m.

A native of Iowa, Trueblood is an eighth-generation Quaker. He earned the A. B. degree at William Penn College, the S. T. B. at Harvard University, and the Ph.D. at John Hopkins University.

Presently serving on the board of trustees at his undergraduate alma mater, Trueblood holds 12 honorary doctorate degrees.

He is the author of 31 books, including "White It Is Day: An Autobiography," "The Humor of Christ," "The Incendiary Fellowship," "A Place to Stand," "The New Man for Our Time," and "The Future of the Christian."

The recipient of the Christian Service Award and the Churchman of the Year Award in 1952, Trueblood formerly taught at Guilford, Haverford, Harvard, and Stanford universities.

He and his wife, Virginia, have four children and 12 grandchildren.

The public was invited to attend the lecture, which took place in Leavelle Chapel on the seminary campus.

Devotional

"Let's Not Forget To Pray"

By D. J. Benson, Pastor, West Laurel Church

When we pray in compliance with the Scripture, we address ourselves to God, our Father, and our prayer must be in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Prayer must accord with Christ's character, and must be presented in the spirit of dependence and submission that marked the great prayer life of our Lord.

Prayer in its basic sense is calling upon God. In our needs, we petition God for help. We give thanks for His goodness and grace to us. In communion, we worship and fellowship with our heavenly Father through Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit, of course, is the true interpreter of the needs of our hearts. He makes intercession for us and true prayer is impossible without His help. Faith is essential to prayer for faith is the recognition of and the committal of ourselves and our matters to the faithfulness of God. When we meet the conditions of prayer it insures that the human will is in agreement with the divine will of God. There is a partnership involved with Christ in prayer. "If ye shall ask, I will do." The believer's prayer arises to the Father as though it were the voice of Christ and is granted for Christ's sake. As the humanity of Christ is the divine ideal in the human sphere it was essential that the Savior fulfill what is man's highest service in the sphere of prayer. Our Lord often prayed all night and at other times arose a great while before day that He might give Himself to prayer. As laborers together with God we can be sure God expects us to pray.

Because of our eternal union with Christ we are privileged to pray but we must remember although our union with Him can't be broken our fellowship can be broken through sin. "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."

Finding and doing the will of God insures a response to our prayers. There is much error about what we should pray for but we can be sure as long as we depend upon God's Spirit to lead us we will not pray wrong. But let us not forget that although one be scripturally sound in the doctrine of prayer and be capable of conforming to the conditions of prayer one still may not have an effectual prayer life. One prays by praying. How is your prayer life?

MC's High School Student Involvement Days Nov. 22-23

Mississippi College will hold its second annual High School Student Involvement Days on November 22-23 on campus.

Registration will begin at 4 p.m. Friday and the program will conclude about 11 a.m. Saturday. The program will feature "The Simple Truth," pictured, an excellent singing group out of Kansas City, Missouri, and college students sharing opportunities for Christian involvement on the campus and in the community.

Puppet shows, drama, Baptist Student Union choirs, a slide presentation and tours will also be featured on the program.

Free meals and housing will be provided for students and accompanying sponsors attending Involvement Days. Girls will sleep "pallet-party" style in the lobby of one of the women's residence halls.

The boys and all sponsors will stay in private or semi-private rooms on campus. The Friday evening meal and a Continental breakfast on Saturday will be served to those participating in the events.



"The Simple Truth"

Revival Dates

Northwest Church, Meridian: November 17-24; evangelist, Rev. Stanley Barnett, pastor of Hillview Church of Birmingham; singer, Mrs. Bobbie Dunn; church pastor, Rev. Chris Cornelius.

East Moss Point: November 17-24; Evangelist: James D. Watson Team; Time: 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Rev. A. J. Pace pastor.

Calvary, Pascagoula: Nov. 17 - 24; Edward G. Robinson, evangelist; services weeknights at 7:29 p.m. and on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Rev. James V. Miller, in charge of music; Mrs. Byron Mathis, director of Sanctuary Choir; Mrs. Van Graham, pianist; Mrs. Kent Higdon, organist; Rev. Byron E. Mathis, pastor.

Iuka Church: November 17-24; regular times Sunday; 7:15 p.m. week-days; Rev. David Millican, evangelist; Bernie Parker, singer; Rev. Charles Dampier, pastor.

Oak Hill, Poplarville: November 17-22; at 7 p.m.; Rev. W. R. Storie, Jackson, prayer evangelist of E. J. Daniels Crusade of Orlando, Fla., evangelist; Sammy Chilsom, minister of music and youth, Shady Grove, Lucedale, music evangelist; Rev. Chester Estes, Jr., pastor; Ronnie Cottingham, minister of music and youth.

Lowrey Memorial, Blue Mountain: November 17-22; services at 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. W. A. (Billy) Smith pastor, Trinity, Memphis, evangelist; Alan Celoria, music minister and associate pastor at First Church, Roswell, N. M., singer; Dr. M. Douglas Clark, pastor. (The same team led the fall revival at the church last year and were requested to return. Mr. Smith, native of Mississippi, became a Christian as a young boy while attending Lowrey Memorial Church. Three of his sisters are graduates of BMC. Mr. Celoria, member of The Centurymen, formerly served churches in Mississippi. He is recording a vocal album to be ready in March, 1975, dedicated to Blue Mountain College, the proceeds of which he desires to be used as a scholarship fund for a BMC student.)

Lisbon, Portugal — The Portuguese Baptist Seminary began its sixth year with an opening service at the Queluz Baptist Church, outside of Lisbon, where the seminary has its installations. Of this year's 10 students, four are third-year students and six, second-year students.

21 Years Perfect Attendance At One Church

At the New Zion Church in Simpson County at Braxton, the Ladies' Sunday School class recently presented a perfect attendance pin to Miss Mary Spell, for 21 years. All Miss Spell's 21 years of perfect attendance at Sunday School were at the one church, New Zion. Pictured left to right are the pastor, Rev. Bob Stewart; Mrs. Mary Mahaffey, Sunday School teacher; Miss Mary Spell; and Pat Long, Sunday School director.



FAYETTE CHURCH burned its pastorum note on Nov. 3, giving the church a "debt-free" status. Pictured left to right are Randy McHan, pastor; Bob Gavin, deacon and Stewardship Chairman; Herbert Miller, deacon and music director; and Charles Ballard, deacon and church treasurer. "The congregation looking on is responsible for this occasion. They have tithed and given faithfully through the years we thank God for them," states the pastor.



Raymond Baptists Acquire Club Wagon

To enhance the success of the multiple ministries to the community, Raymond Church recently acquired a Ford Club Wagon with the assistance of Raymond Auto Company. Initial uses will involve transporting the Bible teaching team to Oakley Training School each Sunday. The Missions group to Community Hospital and transportation for B.S.U. activities on the Hinds Jr. College campus. Pictured are Don Haml, Raymond Auto Company, presenting keys to Rev. Sam Maason, pastor, as L. F. Boetler, Chairman of Bus Committee, looks on approvingly.



Virginia Baptist Board Votes Equal Pay For Women

RICHMOND (BP) — The board of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, statewide convention of Southern Baptists in Virginia, voted here to pay female staff members of the convention "equal pay for equal work."

The adoption of special budgetary provisions completes a program of salary increases for female campus ministers and educational consultants who have been paid less than men of equal preparation and similar job description.

Three employees and two vacant positions are involved in the change.

12.3-million-member, 3,000-church Southern Baptist Convention.

Columbia Coach Dies

Funeral services for George Pittman, 44, of Cedar Grove community near Columbia were held Thursday, Oct. 31, at Cedar Grove Baptist Church.

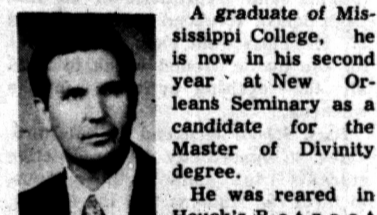
Pittman died Oct. 30 at Marion County General Hospital. He became ill at the school and was taken to the hospital.

Pittman had been head coach and athletic director at Marion County High School for the past five years. He was a member, deacon, and Sunday School teacher at Cedar Grove Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Orla Pittman; three daughters.

Strong Hope Calls Pastor

Rev. Robert Lloyd (Bobby) Smith, former pastor of Nola Church, Lawrence County, has accepted the pastorate of Strong Hope Church, Copiah County.



A graduate of Mississippi College, he is now in his second year at New Orleans Seminary as a candidate for the Master of Divinity degree.

He was reared in Heuck's Retreat community, Lincoln County, and is married to the former Nina Nations. They are the parents of three children.

furniture, remodel the entrance to the church, and to begin a cemetery organization.

Concord To Celebrate 90th Year

Concord Church (Tippah) is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year, in connection with the 90th birthday of former pastor (23 years), Rev. Joseph H. Crawford.

On November 17, Rev. J. H. Crawford will deliver the morning message on this, his 90th birthday. Special activities are planned for the day and everyone (former members, present members and friends) is invited. Church School begins at 10 a.m., special anniversary program at 10:30, and the morning message at 11.

When admitted to the association in 1886, there were 16 members. Today the membership stands at 260. Rev. S. D. Chapman is listed as the first pastor. Rev. Robert Walker, pastor now, has been there for 7 years.

Concord, in Dry Creek community, Route 3, Booneville, was admitted to Tippah Association in 1922. It was in Tishomingo Association from 1886 to 1922.

In 1914, the church was moved to its present location and a Sunday School organized. Pastors serving the church through the years: S. D. Chapman, J. M. McElroy, W. E. Lancaster, J. L. Morris, I. P. Randolph, L. P. Carmichael, Marion Hill, G. T. Kilpatrick, C. C. Clark, J. R. Gullett, B. L. Crawford, J. H. Crawford, Dewey Wallis, L. E. Horton, W. B. Colter, Ed McCafferty and Robert Walker.

The church went fulltime in 1908. A complete new plant was erected, valued at over \$60,000. A new annex was built in 1972. A pastor's home was completed in 1969. Sunday School enrollment is 190 and total mission gifts and other receipts have risen.

A bus ministry was started in 1972. A music program was started in 1973 under the direction of Enoch Stacy.

A Missionary Message From Another Pulpit

The Bible-oriented radio and television programs produced for Baptists by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission get definite results.

In 1973 there were 2,675 decisions about Christ as a direct result of hearing or viewing a Radio-TV Commission program.

"Our work is missionary in every sense of the word. We just operate from a different pulpit — the radio and television stations of the country," said Paul M. Stevens, Commission president.

Brooklyn Calls

Woody As Pastor

First Church, Brooklyn, has called Rev. James A. Woody as pastor. Mr. Woody is presently associate pastor to the 1600-member First Church of Niceville, Florida, where he has announced his resignation.

He plans to move to Brooklyn where he will continue his own formal education as he serves the Brooklyn church.

Mr. Woody and his wife Mary, have five children. He will begin his pastoral duties at Brooklyn on December 15.

The best time to save money is when you have some to spend.

He is poor, not because he has nothing, but because he does nothing.



Concord Church (Tippah)

Off The Record

"I'll have to wear my golf socks today," the husband grumbled aloud to his wife as he rummaged through the drawer.

"What golf socks?" she asked. "The ones with the eighteen holes in them."

"What's the difference between a drama and a melodrama?" asked the professor.

answered with a mere

Little Willie: Mom, you said the baby has your eyes and daddy's nose, didn't you?

Mother: Yes, darling.

Willie: Well, you'd better watch him cause he has grandpa's teeth now.

Two fellows were discussing the vicissitudes of henpecked husbands.

"But let me tell you," said one, "I'm boss at my house. Last night I found there was no hot water. So I raised the roof. Believe me, I got hot water, too — and in a hurry."

There was a pause, and he added: "I hate to wash dishes in cold water, don't you?"

Offer advice to grown daughter or son And, well-meaning parents, you'll run it —

For the way to insure something doesn't get done

Is to urge mature offspring to do it.

One woman complimented another: "That dress is the most perfect fit I have ever seen."

And the other replied: "You should have seen the one my husband had when he saw the bill."

Spring Hill Pastor

Moves To Pine Grove

Rev. C. Thompson has resigned the pastorate of Spring Hill Church, Marshall County, to assume the pastorate of Pine Grove Church in Benton Association. He had served the Spring Hill congregation for six years and three months.

Spring Hill sponsored a farewell dinner for Rev. and Mrs. Thompson on October 29, in the church fellowship hall.

A letter of appreciation from the church was read, and all joined in singing "Blest Be the Tie." As a gift, the church presented a silver tray to the Thompsons.

Carey Class Visits Baptist Interests

A class in religious education from Wm. Carey College recently visited Baptist Building. This tour was conducted under the "in-service" training program sponsored by the State Convention Board and is under direction of Therman V. Bryant, associate in the Cooperative Mission Department. Mr. Bryant is seen seated at left end of second row, with Dr. Joel Ray, head of the department of religious education and Carey, and leader of the group, seated next to him.

NAMBAU, Bahamas — Pastor H. W. Brown recently donned an unusual church robe which transformed him into a "human money tree." In honor of his 50th anniversary as pastor of Baptist Church here, church members took turns placing money in the pockets of the robe. Mr. and Mrs. Brown's clothing.

According to Miss Antonia Cameron, missionary press representative, this custom is observed here by several churches when the pastor has an anniversary. The Bethel church was the first Baptist church in the Bahamas, started in 1790 by a freed slave from the United States.